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## GERMANS STILL EXERTING GREATEST PRESSURE IN THE SMOLENSK SECTOR

### United States Assistance For Soviet Russia Promised In Message To M. Stalin

ACCORDING TO A COMPETENT MILITARY COMMENTATOR IN LONDON, IT WOULD APPEAR THAT THE SMOLENSK SECTOR IS THE ONE IN WHICH THE GERMANS ARE STILL EXERTING THE GREATEST PRESSURE. HE POINTED OUT, HOWEVER, THAT THIS BATTLE HAS ALREADY BEEN GOING ON FOR OVER A FORTNIGHT ON A TREMENDOUS SCALE AND WITH THE UTMOST FIERCENESS, AND THAT SUCH A BATTLE CANNOT CONTINUE INDEFINITELY, says British Wireless.

On the other hand, it does not seem possible that a battle on such a vast scale, where such confusion of the disposition of troops exists—large forces of opposing troops fighting behind each other's advanced forces—can resolve itself into a static front.

THE RESULT OF THE BATTLE WOULD APPEAR TO DEPEND ON WHETHER THE GERMANS CAN DEPLOY A SUFFICIENT NUMBER OF TROOPS AND ARMOUR-ED FORCES TO SUBDUCE THE RUSSIAN RESISTANCE, OR WHETHER THE RUSSIANS CAN HANG ON AND EXHAUST THE GERMAN ARMIES.

It is believed the next few days may show which of these two alternatives will prove successful. In spite of many reports of large German concentrations on the Bulgarian-Turkish frontier, no authoritative information has reached London of any impending action by the Germans on this front.

M. STALIN handed a message for PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT to MR. HARRY HOPKINS, the President's personal envoy, at their meeting on Wednesday when questions on supplies were discussed.

"President Roosevelt suggested that I go to Moscow as his personal representative to meet M. Stalin," Mr. Hopkins told Foreign Press representatives. "I expect to see M. Stalin two or three times before I leave Moscow. We have discussed to a certain extent the situation here in connexion with the war against Germany.

## NAZI PUBLIC LEARN OF ENORMOUS SEVERITY OF FIGHTING

ZURICH, July 31 (Reuter)—The German public have learned from war correspondents, reports and newsreels about "the enormous severity of the fighting."

They have abandoned the conviction that success is absolutely certain and await with "great interest and even anxiety" the promised news of the results of encircling movements, says the Berlin correspondent of the NEUE ZUEFOHRER ZEITUNG.

After five weeks of fighting, the Germans are still surprised at "the very high fighting qualities with which the Russians are meeting the Germans."

The official DIEST AUS DEUTSCHLAND has found a new explanation for the Russian resistance. It calls the fight "soulless warfare," adding "the Russian Army is extraordinarily well prepared and trained for modern war and so the Germans had to contend with an enemy who was profiting from all experiences of mechanised warfare trying to parry the German strategy."

CONTINUE TO RESIST  
"Even when encircled, the Russians continue to resist although they were beaten according to the rules of European strategy."  
The agency also complains that

## Australian Treatment Of Japanese

SYDNEY, July 31 (Reuter)—Sir Frederick Stewart, Commonwealth Minister for External Affairs, announced today that he is negotiating with Mr. Tetsuo Kawai, Japanese Minister to Australia, to secure treatment for Australian nationals in Japan equivalent to that accorded to Japanese in Australia.

He said that Australian treatment of Japanese was more liberal.

"On President Roosevelt's instructions, I have informed M. Stalin that the United States considers those who fight against Hitler to be the right party in the present conflict and we intend to render assistance to this party."

"I informed M. Stalin that we have followed with the greatest admiration the struggles waged by the Russians in self-defence."

"We discussed problems of supply including the type and quantity of the materials we can supply to Russia. I cannot speak now on the details or quantities."

"Tonight, I shall meet other representatives of the Government and at noon tomorrow, I shall see M. Stalin again."

"M. Stalin handed me a message for President Roosevelt. He expressed his grateful appreciation to the President for his offer of assistance and said he was certain the President and the American people had made no mistake in expressing their confidence in the Soviet people."

Mr. Hopkins had lunch with the British Ambassador yesterday before his second conference with M. Stalin.

Thirty-five Japanese warships are now lying in Saigon harbour.

## One End In View

"BOTH POLAND AND RUSSIA ARE NOW OUR ALLIES, AND WE ALL HAVE ONE END IN VIEW AND THAT IS THE DESTRUCTION OF HITLER," said MAJOR ALLEN MURRAY when he broadcast from London yesterday. Mr. Eden, the Foreign Secretary, had stated that it was an event of historic importance that these two countries should have reached an agreement.

Major Murray continued that Polish prisoners of war in Russia would now be freed and could wreak their vengeance on Germany for the bestial atrocities committed in Poland.

There was clear proof of the way in which our great Allies were working with us to confound Hitler's might. Substantial aid for Russia from America showed what immense resources the United States had.

The bulk of the German Army, said Major Murray, must now be

through to the Eastern front and the two countries were fighting like shuttlecocks with the feathers pressing against each other.

Unless Hitler could gain quick decisions, the object of the invasion of Russia looked like being thrown away.

Russian reserves, still available, were gigantic but the Germans claimed that the Soviets were too tired to attempt an invasion of Germany. The Germans purposefully avoided announcing their own losses and weakening.

## JAPANESE REGRET TUTUILA BOMBING

TOKYO, July 31 (Reuter)—The Acting Vice-Minister for Foreign Affairs, Mr. Yamamoto, called on Mr. Joseph E. Grew, United States Ambassador to Japan, this morning to express regrets over the bombing of the United States gunboat Tutuila during yesterday's raid on Chungking.

When Mr. Grew conferred with Admiral Toyoda, the Foreign Minister, this afternoon, the latter expressed deep regret at the bombing of the gunboat.

Mr. Grew protested against the Japanese censorship of the bombing.

AMERICAN PUBLIC AROUSED  
WASHINGTON, July 31 (Central)—Reports of the damage of the U.S.S. Tutuila and the United States Embassy surroundings in Chungking by Japanese aerial bombs were splashed on the front pages of the newspapers.

Although some view the incident as paralleling the Panay sinking and immediate representations were made by the United States to Japan, there is no indication that the Administration is prepared to take strong retaliatory action.

The general feeling among the Americans is that the present protest will be like previous ones. It will draw no more than a "So sorry!" reply from the Japanese.

## TATUTA MARU

### SILK CARGO NOT TO BE LANDED

WASHINGTON, July 31 (Reuter)—Licence permitting the Tatuta Maru to withdraw funds needed in the way of fuel in order to return to Japan, has been granted but the Company has been notified that the liner's large silk cargo could not be landed.

The Tatuta Maru was given special permission to discharge her passengers but fearing seizure under the freezing order lay off San Francisco.

The refusal to permit the landing of cargo is the first policy defining the action taken by the Government Committee administering the frozen funds and indicates that the freezing order will be employed to freeze Japanese trade in the United States.

## Neutrality Of Thailand

SINGAPORE, Aug. 1 (Reuter)—The Thai Consul-General in Singapore denied that any agreement had been reached either with Britain or Japan.

Thailand, he said, would maintain her policy of strict neutrality and would not hand over bases to any nation.

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## GERMAN SHIPPING IN HARBOURS OF PETSAMO AND KIRKENES ATTACKED: FAST WARSHIP HIT

LONDON, July 31 (Reuter)—Naval aircraft yesterday delivered attacks on German shipping in the harbours of PETSAMO and KIRKENES in Northern Scandinavia.

At Petsamo, a little shipping was found in the port and the attack was concentrated on the harbour works.

At Kirkenes the fast German warship BRENS (1,460 tons), which was a gun- nery training ship before the war, was twice hit. Four enemy ships were also hit.

Four enemy aircraft were shot down during these operations. Sixteen naval aircraft were lost.

In daylight yesterday, a considerable force of Blenheim bombers searched German territorial waters for shipping. A number of small vessels in a convoy were sighted and were attacked in HELI- GOLAND BIGHT.

Two ships were sunk and another two received direct hits. Seven of our aircraft are missing from these daylight operations.

Last night British aircraft, flying through severe thunderstorms, flew over Western Germany and attacked industrial targets in AACHEN and COLOGNE.

The docks at BOULOGNE were also bombed. Three of our aircraft are missing from these night operations.

## Relentless Application Of Economic Pressure Against Japan Urged

SHANGHAI, July 31 (Reuter)—Relentless application of economic sanctions against Japan is urged by many papers here today as THE ONLY HOPE OF SAVING THAILAND from the fate of Indo-China.

Writing on the subject, the well-known British commentator, Mr. H. G. W. Woodhead, expressed disappointment that the elasticity of the freezing orders has been emphasised more than their potency.

He continues: "It may be said that there will be the risk of war in the Pacific if relentless sanctions are enforced immediately. There is a certainty of such a conflict if Japan will be encouraged to believe that the democracies do not mean business."

"It may be said that full application of sanctions will imperil American and British interests in Shanghai and other parts of occupied China. What of it? The number of Americans and British who may be regarded as hostages to Japan in this area does not exceed that of the victims of one month's air blitz over Britain."

### LESS IN VALUE

"Property at stake is less in value than the damage resulting from one intensive raid on London. We have to face up to the fact that in a conflict of this magnitude, in which Britain's daily expenditure upon the war is many times the value of all British and American assets in China, Shanghai can no longer expect to remain on the fringe of the war and not in it."

"If Japan can be completely crippled by British, American and Netherlands sanctions, British and American communities in China may suffer severe hardships, but may expect in due course to recover all and more of their present losses."

"If things go as they are doing now, slow strangulation will be their fate with no certainty it will cease in time for them to recover."

## GENERAL IIDA

### APPOINTMENT IN INDO-CHINA

TOKYO, July 31 (Reuter)—Lieut.-General Shojiro Iida is in command of the Japanese troops which are being landed in Southern Indo-China, it was revealed in a communique issued by the military section of Imperial Headquarters today.

General Iida is a graduate of the Military Staff College, proceeded to Europe in 1921 and was appointed instructor in the military academy on his return.

### IMPORTANT POST

He was assigned to an important field post in 1936, then appointed divisional commander and again assigned to a field post in 1939.

Gen. Iida arrived at Saigon yesterday and was met by the Japanese Consul-General, Mr. Fujio Minoda, and Japanese residents.

Colonel Alexandra, Chief of Staff of the Indo-China Command, paid a courtesy visit on the new arrival together with three French officials representing the Governor, the Commander-in-Chief of the French Far Eastern Fleet and Commander of the French garrison in Cochinchina.

## WARNING GIVEN TO N.E.I.

The KOKUMIN SHIMBUN, according to a Reuter message, warns the Netherlands East Indies that it will be fortunate for herself if the N.E.I. realises the motive for the increase of Japanese troops in Indo-China, and that to follow United States or British leadership is in itself a manifestation of hostility.

## RESUMPTION OF JAPAN-N.E.I. TRADE

### EFFORTS WILL BE MADE

BATAVIA, Aug. 1 (Reuter)—Indicating that determined efforts will be made for the resumption of trade between Japan and the Netherlands East Indies, conversations for the new monetary arrangement were initiated yesterday between Mr. Inagawa, Batavia manager of the Yokohama Specie Bank and Mr. Winters, President of the Java Bank, says a Japanese report.

Mr. Ishizawa, Japanese Consul-General, and Mr. Van Mook, Director of the Economic Affairs Bureau, will meet the next few days to discuss the commercial relations disrupted by the freezing.

Informed quarters believe that provisional arrangements enabling trade resumption will be concluded.

Regarding the petroleum issue, a spokesman of the Batavian Government declared that in view of the provision of the Dutch-Japanese accord of 1940 which stipulated the payments of oil in American dollars, the settlements will no longer be made because of the American freezing.

## SINGAPORE FREEZES CHINESE ASSETS

SINGAPORE, July 31 (Central)—At the request of the Chinese Government local authorities today ordered the freezing of the assets of the branch offices here of corporations registered in China and foreign accounts here of residents in China.

Remittances to China have been temporarily suspended till further notice.

## 150 Thousand Australians Under Arms

SYDNEY, July 31 (Reuter)—As the result of the extended military training, Australia will always have about 150,000 men permanently under arms for home defence, states Mr. P. O. Brenden, Minister for the Army, here today.

Mr. Brenden said that the mobilisation of Australia's available manpower could and would effectively and rapidly be carried out any time it became necessary.

## Today's News Summary

THE GERMANS ARE STILL EXERTING greatest pressure in the Smolensk sector where a fierce battle has been raging for over a fortnight. Meanwhile, full United States assistance to the Soviet is promised in a message from President Roosevelt which Mr. Harry Hopkins, administrator of the Lend and Lease programme, handed to M. Stalin in Moscow.

JAPANESE BOMBERS HAVE ARRIVED at Saigon and 35 Japanese warships are anchored in the harbour at Saigon. A Japanese newspaper has again sounded a warning to the Netherlands East Indies while the Thailand Consul-General in Singapore yesterday reiterated his country's policy of strict neutrality. He said that Thailand will not hand over bases to any nation.

SUCCESSFUL ATTACKS BY BRITISH naval aircraft in search of German shipping in Scandinavian waters are reported. Raids were also made on Western Germany on Wednesday night.

DR. H. H. KUNG, CHINESE FINANCE MINISTER, has issued a statement on the freezing of Chinese assets in Britain and the United States, while Dr. Quo Tai-chi, Foreign Minister, in a speech in Chungking, said that Japan was the weakest link in the Axis chain.

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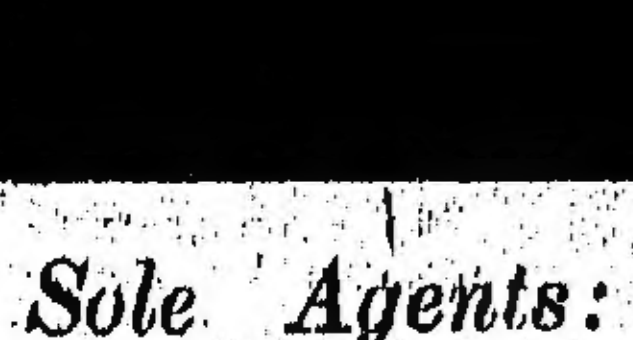
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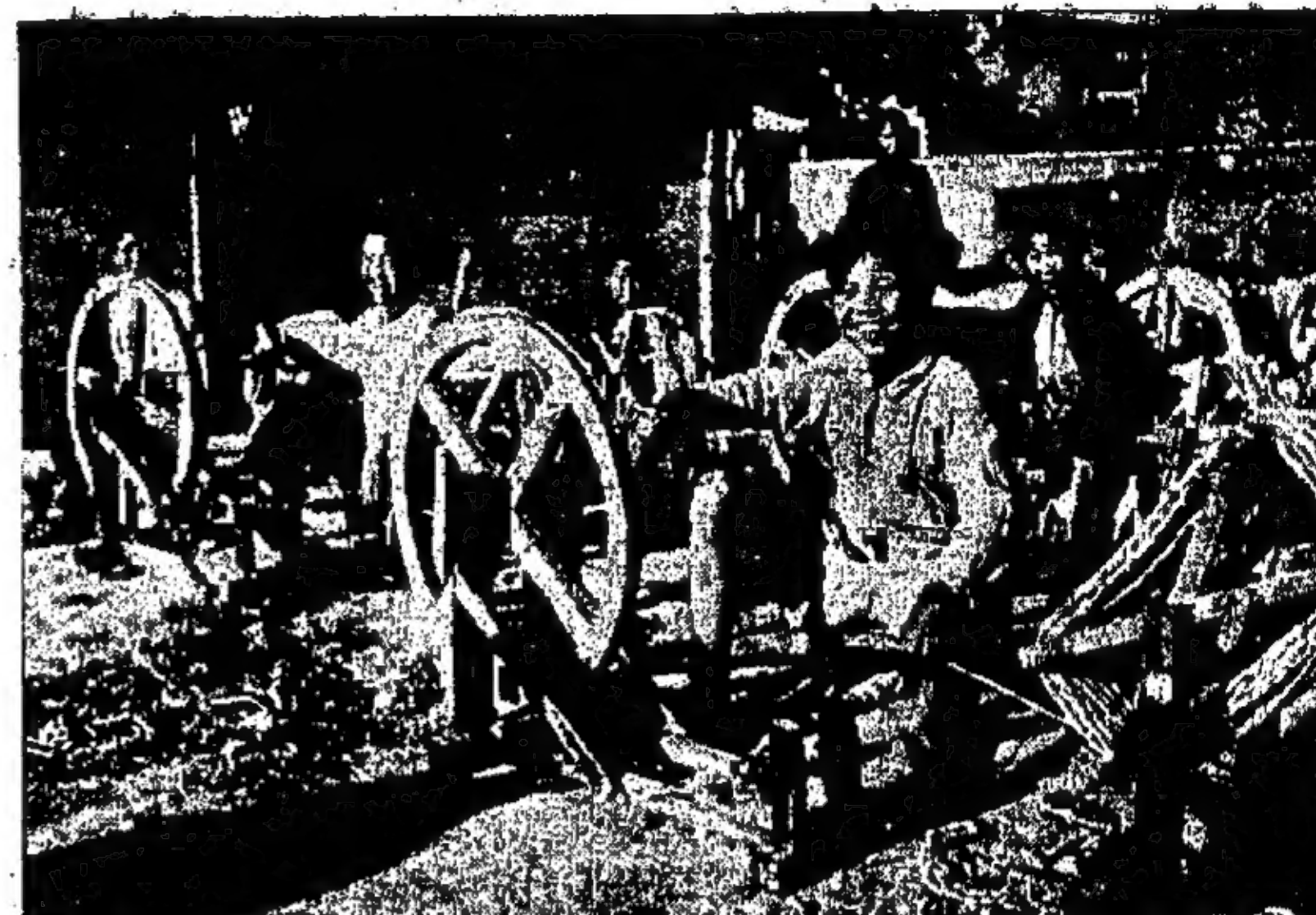
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## A Bowl Of Rice For China: Campaign Commences Today

BY JAMES BERTRAM

TODAY, HONGKONG HAS ITS FIRST EXPERIENCE OF THE "ONE BOWL OF RICE" MOVEMENT TO RAISE FUNDS FOR CHINA RELIEF. It may seem strange that this has not happened in the Colony before, for the idea of limitation of a single meal, so that the balance may go to some patriotic or charitable cause, is certainly not new. It was widely practised, for example, in fascist countries in Europe, where of course it was dictated from above and made compulsory on the whole community. General Goering—an apt promoter of reduced diet as an end in itself—used to insist that submissive citizens of the Third Reich should go without their ersatz sausage in order that there might be more Messerschmitts, and so forth. The results, if not enthusiastic, were certainly impressive.



Young refugee boys preparing the reels of woollen yarn for the army blanket looms.—(NW).

"Meatless meals," "one-course dinners," and other variations on the same theme of self-denial through the stomach, have since been widely popularised in many countries. But there is a clear difference in principle between the sort of thing that is clamped down from above by a totalitarian regime, and the spontaneous and voluntary movement of a body of citizens to contribute to a cause they believe in.

Mr. Winston Churchill, who is a healthy realist in all matters pertaining to food and drink, pointed out in a recent speech some of the effects of shortened diet on industrial workers in Britain. "To a large extent," he said, "we have been driven back from carnivorous to herbivorous meals, which may be satisfactory to dietician scientists who would like to make us all live on nuts, but has produced a definite effect on the output of heavy workers." Reduced diet by force of circumstance is not a good thing at all; and Mr. Churchill rightly stresses the need for "meat in the mines and foundries." It is his task, and the task of all friends of Britain, to see that British workers do not go short of necessary foods. Equally, I suggest, it is the task and duty of all friends of China to see that productive workers who can make an invaluable contribution to China's great effort for national independence, should have the chance to work and earn for themselves a decent livelihood.

### OBJECT OF CAMPAIGN

Precisely that object lies behind this first "Bowl of Rice Campaign" in Hongkong. All proceeds from the sale of tickets for "a bowl of rice and soup," freely contributed by a large number of Chinese restaurants in Hongkong, will be handed over to the International Committee for Chinese Industrial Co-operatives (Productive Relief Fund), in Hongkong, to be used to rehabilitate refugees and war victims in one of China's "distressed areas"—the Yellow River region in the north-west.

As Mrs. Selwyn-Clarke, Vice-Chairman of the Campaign Committee, has written: "To buy a ticket for our Bowl of Rice Campaign is not just charity. It means giving work and a livelihood to China's refugees—helping them, through Co-operation, to help themselves." No better object for support could be found at this time in any part of Free China.

The results of this Campaign will be a real test of the sympathy and sincerity of the Hongkong public, particularly of its Chinese members. For the chief inspiration of the Campaign has come from the Chinese side. Mme. Sun Yat-sen, Chairman of the China Defence League, first proposed that the "One Bowl of Rice" movement, which has been so successful already in many other countries, should be adopted as a local movement in Hongkong. It was the Chinese Chamber of Commerce which most eagerly responded to her suggestion, and it was a number of Chinese restaurants—many of these by no means the largest

and wealthiest in the Colony—who volunteered to contribute the rice to make a simple one-bowl-meal available to purchasers of tickets during the first days of August. Local Chinese residents, following the splendid example of Mr. Wai Shiu Pak, who gave \$1,000 for a single Bowl of Rice ticket, have made very generous contributions to the movement. It now rests with the Hongkong public to see if the total fund of \$40,000 aimed at by the promoters of the Campaign can be fully achieved.

### NOVEL FEATURES

There are many appeals for China relief in Hongkong, and often people are forced to choose between them on their merits. But this Bowl of Rice Campaign is a distinctly new appeal, with a number of novel features that are all its own. As a single instance of this, one may mention the excellent suggestion recently made, that surplus tickets and rice should be contributed to local relief of the needy in Hongkong through the Salvation Army. This has already been agreed upon by several contributing restaurants, so the money raised will be used for relief in China, and some of the rice contributed will go to relieve distress right here in Hongkong. That is a good deal to be able to achieve by the purchase of a single ticket; and Bowl of Rice tickets will continue to be on sale during the rest of this week at a number of points in Hongkong, including the Star Ferry Wharf, and the Bowl of Rice Town Office, Belgis Bank, 4a Des Voeux Road. (phone 33354).

### H.E.'s MESSAGE

H.E. Sir Geoffrey Northcote, who from the first gave his personal support to the Bowl of Rice movement, has summed up the meaning of this campaign in Hongkong in an eloquent message to its organisers, which I hope you will allow me to quote here: "The people of Hongkong have contributed generously towards the relief of (war) sufferers in Great Britain. In this Bowl of Rice Campaign for aid to refugees and war victims in China, Chinese in Hongkong have an opportunity to assist their own less fortunate countrymen; and I am sure that they will avail themselves of it."

Contributions to the Bowl of Rice Fund will be very gladly received by the Hon. Treasurer, Mr. Fook S. Ho, at the Foo Hing Bank, 122 Queen's Road, Central.

### SEWING CENTRE

Government House Sewing Centre of the B.W.C.F. will be closed on Monday, August 4, owing to the public holiday.

## ANNUAL MEETING OF H.K.C.A.A.F.

### Successful Year Revealed

Despite the fact that six of its affiliated clubs resigned in the course of the year quite a successful period was reported by the HONGKONG CHINESE AMATEUR ATHLETIC FEDERATION which held its annual general meeting at the Cafe Windsor yesterday evening.

Mr. Mok Hing, the Chairman, presided over a large attendance of representatives of the various affiliated clubs.

A profit of \$896.67 on the year's working was reported.

### THE REPORT

The annual report, which was presented by Mr. Mok Hing, revealed that South China A. A. Chinese Bathing Club, Chinese Recreation Club, Talkoo Chinese Recreation Club, Chinese Y. M. C. A. and Hongkong Miniature Football Union withdrew their support.

Of these the last-mentioned three clubs had since rejoined the Federation. This was due largely to the efforts of Dr. C. T. Wang who was approached by a Federation deputation to bring about a conciliation. The deputation comprised Messrs Mok Hing, Wong Wai-ta and Lau Tin-kwong.

The report then went on to review the different sporting activities of the Federation in detail.

Mr. Mok Hing, at the conclusion of the meeting, after expressing his thanks at being re-elected referred to the trouble in the past year and made an appeal to members to take more interest in the work of the Federation and to co-operate with each other.

### NEW OFFICIALS

The following officials were elected for the ensuing year:—

Chairman, Mok Hing; Vice-Chairman, Lam Chi-fung; Treasurer, Mok Wai-ta; Auditor, Tam Pak-fan; General Secretary, Lo Kwok-min; Clerk, Yick Fa-shek.

The following were elected to take charge of the various sporting activities, with the assistant given second:—

Football (Sze Po-wai and Lam Chung-ho); swimming (Tso Yim-sun and Lau Tin-kwong); basketball (Kwok Mak-hoi and Shu Hon-ut); track and field (Tsang Kin-hong and Chu Fook-sing); volleyball (Tsui Hang and Yu Ting-chik); water-polo (Lau Ting-kwong and P. N. Bing-man); ping-pong (Pang Kul-pui and Kwok Cheuk-kwan); miniature soccer (Lau Chung-tan and So Kim-ho); hill-climbing (Wang Sin-wan and Soong Chi-yin) and Yuen Kam-to and Ng Far-ling in charge of publicity.

Each of the following eleven clubs affiliated to the Federation nominated five representatives to serve on the body:—Chung Shing Benevolent Society, Eastern A. A., Kwong Wah A. A., Talkoo Chinese Club, Hongkong Miniature Football Union, Tung Yee Club, Chinese Y. M. C. A., Ling Fung Club, Kit Chee, Wah Kiu and Kowloon Residents' Union.

## SPORTING FIXTURES

### SATURDAY, AUGUST 2

BASEBALL.—H. B. Baseball Club v. South China Athletic Association, 2.15 p.m.; Royal Engineers v. Chung Hwa, 4.30 p.m.

LAWN BOWLS.—First Division: Recreation "A" v. Kowloon B.G.C. "A", Recreation "B" v. Craighower, Kowloon C.C. v. Police R.C., Kowloon B.G.C. "E" v. Civil Service, Kowloon Docks R.C. v. Indian R.C. Second Division: Talkoo R.C. v. Recreation, Hongkong F.C. v. Hongkong C.C., Prison O.C. v. Kowloon Tong, Kowloon F.C. v. Kowloon C.C. Third Division: H.K. Electric v. Craighower, Kowloon B.G.C. v. Recreation, Indian R.C. v. Kowloon F.C., Hongkong C.C. v. Hongkong F.C.

### SUNDAY, AUGUST 3

BASEBALL.—H. B. Baseball Club v. Royal Engineers, 10 a.m.

### SCHOOLS' GALA

The date for the closing of entries for the schools' swimming gala sponsored by the Victoria Recreation Club, has been extended to Aug. 4.



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O. Henry's colourful caballeria, the Cisco Kid, is at his peak in "Romance of the Rio Grande," the 20th Century-Fox picture is at the Majestic Theatre, with Cesar Romero again in the title role.

Heralded as one of the strongest of all the Cisco pictures, "Romance of the Rio Grande" has action, thrills and laughs galore.

There's an outstanding cast which includes Patricia Morison, Lynne Roberts, Ricardo Cortez and the over-faithful Gordito, Chris-Pin Martin.

Cisco's trouble begins when he comes upon his "double"—and from then everything is multiplied by two. When his "double" is injured, Cisco impersonates him, finds two lovely women on his hands, plus a conniving cousin who is trying to do him out of his inheritance. How Cisco handles both situations promises exciting screen fare for all.

Herbert I. Leeds directed the picture from a screen play by Harold Buchman and Samuel G. Engel, which was based on the novel, "Conquistador," by Katharine Fullerton Gerould. Earl M. Wurzel was executive producer.

## COMING EVENTS

**Aug.**  
1—Tides: High 4.27 a.m. and 5.11 p.m. Low 11.12 a.m. and 10.18 p.m.  
Cheong's Club "Darts" and Table Tennis.

Lecture: St. John's Cathedral, Dr. T. C. Chao on "Some Reflections on Chinese Thought and the Christian Faith," 9 p.m.  
China Defence League "Bowl of Rice" Campaign luncheon.  
Crown Land Sale, D. O. South, Queen's Building, 11 a.m.  
Chinese Products Exhibition, 8 Queen's Road, 2nd floor.

Ceremonial Parade of Chinese Sappers, Murray Parade Ground, 9.30 a.m.; Swimming Gala in Army Pool and Dinner in Wellington Barracks.  
St. Andrew's Church War-time Intercession Service, 6.30 p.m.  
Ladies' Working Party (B.W.O.P.), Govt. House, 9 a.m. to 12.30 p.m.

2—Tides: High 5.25 a.m. and 6.47 p.m. Low 12.47 a.m. and 11.21 p.m.  
Lecture: St. John's Cathedral, Dr. T. C. Chao on "Some Reflections on Chinese Thought and the Christian Faith," 9 p.m.

China Defence League "Bowl of Rice" Campaign luncheon.  
Lawn Bowls League, 3 p.m.  
H.K. Baseball League, Chatham Rd.  
European Y.M.C.A. Discussion Group, West Lounge, 9 p.m.

4—Tides: High 7.29 a.m. and 9.30 p.m. Low 2.53 p.m.  
Bank Holiday.  
Entries Close for V.R.C. Swimming Gala for Schools.

"Wappenshaw" Bowls at K.C.C.  
5—Tides: High 8.25 a.m. and 10.22 p.m. Low 1.34 a.m. and 1.37 p.m.  
V.R.C. Gala for Schools, final meeting of Committee, 8 p.m.

H.K. Rotary Club Tiffin, H.K. Hotel, 1 p.m.  
Crown Land Sale, P.W.D. Office, 3 p.m.

6—Tides: High 9.15 a.m. and 11.04 p.m. Low 2.27 a.m. and 4.18 p.m.  
7—Tides: High 10.05 a.m. and 11.39 p.m. Low 3.16 a.m. and 4.53 p.m.

Legislative Council Meeting, Council Chambers  
8—Tides: High 10.47 a.m. and 12.14 p.m. Low 3.59 a.m. and 5.25 p.m.

9—Tides: High 11.29 a.m. and 12.47 p.m. Low 4.44 a.m. and 5.59 p.m.  
Triangular Swimming Gala in Aid of Chinese Medical Relief Fund, C.B.C., North Point, 1.15 p.m.

10—Tides: High 12.07 a.m. Low 5.27 a.m. and 6.34 p.m.  
11—Tides: High 1.20 p.m. and 12.45 p.m. Low 6.11 a.m. and 7.06 p.m.

12—Tides: High 1.52 a.m. and 1.19 p.m. Low 6.55 a.m. and 7.36 p.m.  
H.K. Rotary Club Tiffin, H.K. Hotel, 1 p.m.

## Borstal Treatment Not Suitable For Young

Methods in the protection of the young and punishment of the delinquent, allowed by the English Law, were extensively dealt with by Miss S. Niccoll-Jones, well-known social evil problem investigator, in a talk to the Fortnightly Club at the Y.W.C.A. in Singapore.

"One hears quite intelligent people say 'we need a Borstal institution to prevent our young people from becoming criminals,'" Miss Niccoll-Jones said. "Borstal is the end of the road for most young people."

"Borstal is not really a preventive measure for the young, and must never be confused with preventive methods of treatment," she added.

She said that the present day method of treatment of young offenders was to send them, according to circumstances, to training schools, a list of which was at the disposal of the court where the delinquents were brought to.

Among these training schools, she said, were training ships which were used extensively by magistrates for boys who had a deep inclination for the sea.

**ROLL OF HONOUR**

"Most of these lads do very well indeed. These ships had a magnificent roll of honour in the last war and I am certain they will have in this war too," Miss Niccoll-Jones continued.

"These preventive schools do a splendid piece of preventive work," she said.

Referring to Borstal, she said that Borstal was an institution which took the place of prison. If a person failed to respond to reform after a few years' stay in a senior training school or a reformatory, they could be transferred to Borstal.

Lastly, Miss Niccoll-Jones referred to the probation system, which had resulted in some wonderful reforms.

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12.15 p.m. A Short Service of Intercession.

12.50 Victor Shvester and His Ballroom Orchestra.  
"What Shall I Say?"—Slow Fox-Trot (Tifurini); I Paid For The Lie That I Told Him—Waltz (Light & O'Brien); Yours For A Song—Quick-Step (Dana Suesse); We'll Meet Again—Slow Fox-Trot (Parker—Charles); Dear Madam—Tango (Paul Gyongy); Summer Evening In Santa Cruz—Tango (Fred Hartley); Gay Nineties Selection—Violeta. So Deep Is The Night—Slow Fox-Trot (Tristesse); I'm In Love For The Last Time—Waltz (Parker—Charles).

1.00 Local Time Signal and Programme Summary.  
1.02 Prokofieff—Concerto No. 3 in C Major, Op. 26.

1st Mov: Andante—Allegro; 2nd Mov: Andantino—Tema con variazioni 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5; 3rd Mov: Allegro non troppo—Prestissimo tempo—Serge Prokofieff (Piano) and the London Symphony Orchestra cond. by P. Coppola.

1.30 Reuter and Rugby Press and Announcements.  
1.45 The Orchestral Mascotte and Charles Trenet (Vocal).

My Lucky Day—Waltz (Hans Carste); Music Of The Spheres—Waltz (Josef Strauss/arr. Hohnen)—Orchestra Mascotte. Jardin Du Mois De Mai—Slow-Fox Chante (Trenet); Mam'zelle Clio—Fox-Trot Chante; Charles Trenet w. Orch. Dance of the Fairies—Waltz (Willy Rosenthal); Lovely To Kiss—Waltz (S. Dicker)—Orchestra Mascotte. Pres De Toi Mon Amour—Chanson Trenet—Luy-paerts—Charles Trenet with Orch. Twinkling Lights—Waltz (Melodies (Zeller, arr. Gots Hohnen); The Last Letter—Waltz (William Reggov)—Orchestra Mascotte.

2.15 Close Down.  
6.00 Indian Programme.  
6.45 Closing Local Stock Quotations.

6.47 Variety with Phyllis Robins, Billy Murray, The Mills Brothers & Others.

Quartet—Side Kick Joe (Fisher, Bailey)—The Mills Brothers and a Guitar. Organ—Musical Comedy Medley—Sydney Custard. Vocal—

Scatter Brain (Burke, Bean, Masters)—Phyllis Robins with Orch. Vocal—Id Feel At Home If They Let Me Join The Army; 'Twas Only An Irishman's Dream (O'Brien and Others); Billy Murray with Harry's Tavern Band. Piano—Carroll Calls The Times (No. 6)—Intro: Begin the Beguine; Love Is All; Memories Live Longer Than Dreams; In A Moonboat; I Haven't Time To Be A Millionaire—Carroll Gibbons. Quartet—Chinatown, My Chinatown (Jerome Schwartz); Rockin' Chair (Carmichael)—Mills Brothers with Guitar. Harmonica Duet—Muzik, Muzik; Beef Barrel Polka (Brown, Vajoda, Timm)—The Piccol Brothers with Guitar. Vocal—Till The Lights of London Shine Again (Connor, Pola); A Child's Prayer (Thayer-Joycester)—Phyllis Robins with Orchestra.

7.30 Portuguese Programme.  
8.00 London—The News.  
8.15 London—War Commentary.  
8.25 London—Listening Post.

Examination of Points in Daily German Propaganda.  
8.30 Programme Summary.  
8.32 A Spanish Programme with Conchita Supervia (Mezzo-Soprano).

Spanish Gypsy Medley—Intro: Argentina; Barcelona; Lady of Spain—The Romya Mandoline Players. Cantares (Turina)—Conchita Supervia with piano. Sevilla (Albeniz)—Arthur Rubinstein (Piano). Cancion Del Paje (Sartorio)—Conchita Supervia w. Orch. Navarra (Albeniz)—Arthur Rubinstein (Piano). Cordoba—Cantos de Espana (Albeniz)—Orquesta Odeon. Pastora (Murillo)—Conchita Supervia with Orchestra. Granada—Spanish Suite (Albeniz)—Orquesta Odeon.

9.00 Local Time Signal and Announcements.  
9.02 An Hour of Classical Requests. Merry Wives of Windsor—Overture (Nicolai)—The London Philharmonic Orchestra cond. by Sir Thomas Beecham. Cavatina (Raff)—Albert Sammons (Violin) with piano. Oribiribin (Dole, Pastolozza)—Grace Moore (Soprano) with the Metropolitan Opera House Chorus and Orchestra. Humoreske (Dvorak)—Op. 101 No. 7)—Ignaz Friedman (Piano). "Figoletto"—Woman In Fields (Verdi)—Enrico Caruso (Tenor) with Symphony Orch. La Campanella (Paganini)—Liszt)—Mitscha Levitzki (Piano). Blue Danube Waltz (Johann Strauss)—The Philadelphia Symphony Orch. cond. by Leopold Stokowski. Madam Butterfly—One Fine Day (Puccini)—Rosetta Pampanini (Soprano) with Orch. Melody In F (Rubinstein)—William Murdoch (Piano). Minuet (Boccherini)—Fritz Kreisler (Violin) with String Quartet. Liebestraum (Liszt). Arthur Rubinstein (Piano). The Earl King (Gotho—Schubert)—Alexander Kipnis (Bass) with Gerald Moore (Piano). Second Movement: Adagio cantabile: From "Sonata Pastorale" in C Minor (Beethoven)—Karl Szreter (Piano).

9.45—10.00 News in French (on Short Wave only).  
10.00 London—The News and News Commentary.  
10.15 Selections from Light Opera.

The Chocolate Soldier—Selection—The London Theatre Orch. Monsieur Beaucaire—English Maids (Ross and Messager)—Raymond Newell (Bari-ton). w. Orch. The Women of The Guard—Selection (Sullivan)—Band of H.M. Coldstream Guards cond. by Lieut. R. G. Evans.

10.35 Dinah Shore in a "Swing" Programme.  
Sweet Potato Piper (From film "The Road to Singapore")—Arthur Young and "Hutchet's" Swingette. Smoke Gets In Your Eyes (From film "Roberta") (Hartbach-Kern)—Dinah Shore with Orchestra. Yes We Have No Bananas (Silver, Cohn)—Arthur Young's Swingette. How Come You Do Me Like You Do? (Austin—Berger)—Dinah Shore with Orch. The Monkeys Have No Tails In Pago Pago—Fox-Trot—The Milt Herth Trio. Yes, My Darling Daughter (Jack Lawrence)—Dinah Shore (Vocal) w. Orch. Oh! Johnny! Oh! Johnny! Oh! (Rose, Chum)—Lynne in The Hay (Roberta). Reppin; Mirelle—Arthur Young and Hatchett's Swingette.

11.00 London—"Makers of Ill Jory".  
11.15 Close Down.

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Transmission 1—News Sum. 6.00 p.m.  
Full Bulletin 6.00 p.m.  
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Full Bulletin 6.00 p.m.  
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do. 1.00 a.m.

Trans. 11 & 12—News Sum. 6.30 a.m.  
Full Bulletin 6.30 a.m.

### JAP. GARRISON DECIMATED

SHUOKOW, July 31 (Central)—The Japanese garrison at Yen-shan in Lienkiang at the mouth of the Min River, suffered severe losses on the night of July 24, when it was subjected to surprise Chinese attack. Unable to withstand Chinese pressure, the Japanese hurriedly retreated and in the confusion caused by darkness they struck a Chinese land mine which exploded with terrific force and decimated half of them.

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## NAZI MOTORISED REGT. COMPLETELY SMASHED

### Intense Fighting Reported In Smolensk Sector

LONDON, July 31 (Reuter)—The present Russian counter-attacks might be the start of larger ones though evidence in London of a major Russian counter-offensive is lacking. Everything depends on the material, equipment and the number of men available.

There is still intense fighting in the Pskov, Smolensk and Kiev areas. The Russians have launched strong counter-attacks, particularly in the Smolensk sector.

The German have made no progress anywhere apart perhaps from a very slight advance south of Kiev.

**SOVIET COMMUNIQUE**  
MOSCOW, July 31 (Reuter)—The following communique was issued by the Soviet Information Bureau yesterday evening:

Our troops continued fighting the enemy in Novorzhev, Nevel and especially stubbornly in the Smolensk and Zhitomir directions. In other directions and sectors of the front, no important engagements took place.

Our air force, in close co-operation with land troops, continued to deal blows to enemy tanks and infantry troops and to enemy aircraft on aerodromes. They were bombed as was also Ploesti and Sulin where large fires broke out as the result of the bombing.

On July 29, our air force, according to incomplete data, destroyed nine German planes. We lost five planes.

**REGIMENT SMASHED**  
German troops operating in the Smolensk direction, sustained heavy losses in men and equipment. A few days ago, Red Army units completely smashed a motorised infantry regiment of storm-troopers of "Great Germany".

## ITALIAN PARTY ROUTED

### Successful British Sortie In Libya

CAIRO, July 31 (Reuter)—Tobruk garrison patrols were very active on Monday night, one routing a large party of Italians over two miles from the British lines.

This news was given in yesterday's G.H.Q. communique which stated:

During the night of July 28/29 a strong fighting patrol operating from the eastern sector of the Tobruk defences put to flight a large party of Italians occupying an isolated defended locality over two miles distant from our lines.

The enemy sustained many casualties and left one gun and 20 rifles in our hands.

**DUMP DESTROYED**  
Although other patrols operating to the southward penetrated deep into the enemy positions they failed to make contact.

In the frontier area, one of our mechanised patrols succeeded in destroying considerable stocks of aviation spirit and oil on a hostile landing ground.

Elsewhere in the frontier area aggressive activity by our patrols has continued.

## RUSSIA & POLAND SIGN AGREEMENT TO COLLABORATE IN WAR AGAINST COMMON ENEMY

**CABLE NEWS IN BRIEF**  
LONDON, July 31 (Reuter)—Two thousand Italian war prisoners have arrived in Great Britain for work under the Ministry of Agriculture. They are to be employed on ditching, draining, land reclamation and general agriculture work. Labour camps have been constructed in suitable rural areas.

ZURICH, July 31 (Reuter)—Raiding British aircraft, according to the Hamburger Freiheit, are dropping over Germany imitation German clothes ration cards. The newspaper says that anyone using such cards will be sentenced to long imprisonment or death.

WASHINGTON, July 31 (Reuter)—By 15 votes to seven the Military Committee of the House of Representatives approved legislation extending beyond the previously stipulated year the military service of selectees, National Guardsmen, Reserve Officers and enlisted personnel.

CALCUTTA, July 31 (Reuter)—The well-known Indian poet, Rabindranath Tagore, has undergone an operation, it is believed, for kidney trouble. His condition is described as satisfactory.

LONDON, July 31 (Reuter)—It was revealed in Parliament yesterday that 162 American pilots have been recruited into the British air transport auxiliary service. They are on yearly contract and their salary is £1937/17s/9d a year free of United Kingdom income tax.

LONDON, July 31 (Reuter)—There has been no change of policy of the British Government with regard to Palestine, said Mr. Churchill in the House of Commons yesterday in answer to a question.

TOKYO, July 31 (Reuter)—Sir Robert Craigie, British Ambassador, and the Japanese Foreign Minister, Mr. Toyoda, conferred for more than half an hour yesterday afternoon, according to the Domei agency. It is understood that they discussed the latest developments in Anglo-Japanese relations.

SAN FRANCISCO, July 31 (Reuter)—Japan's crack N.Y.K. liner, Tatuta Maru, has been given special permission to discharge her passengers here.

OTTAWA, July 31 (Reuter)—The Canadian Red Cross is immediately increasing its weekly food parcel shipments for British prisoners of war from 10,000 to 30,000. Each parcel will contain 16 food items.

PEIPING, July 31 (Reuter)—The Netherlands and British India have been included in a list of nations whose assets have been frozen in North China. A declaration to this effect was made by the Japanese consulate-general yesterday.

## U.S. ISOLATIONIST POLICY DENOUNCED AS A FAILURE

WASHINGTON, July 31 (Central)—Writing in the HERALD-TRIBUNE columns, Mr. Walter Lippman bitterly denounces the isolationist policy as a colossal failure and urges the United States to organise a coalition of all peoples fighting Japan, Germany and Italy.

Mr. Lippman's article, which lauds Senator Burton K. Wheeler's approval of President Roosevelt's order for freezing Japanese assets, warns that the United States cannot afford to stand by while Japan is organising her power for the mastery of Asia and the Western Pacific.

Mr. Lippman believes that if Japan's power is not checked now it will become so great that it cannot be checked at all later on. Japan will not be checked by the expression of moral disapproval, he says, and urges the United States to strike a blow which will paralyse Japan's economic heart and if the freezing order is not sufficient, to take more drastic measures to stop her.

Mr. Lippman says that America is now on the "edge of embargo, then blockade, and then war." Japan's occupation of Indo-China imperils the Philippines. The United States is threatened in both oceans because when France fell the isolationists prevented America from taking measures to prevent what is happening now.

Mr. Lippman declares that the isolationist policy, not supporting America's friends and not taking preventive measures in time, has

## "V" CAMPAIGN IN INDIA

BOMBAY, July 31 (Reuter)—The "V" for victory campaign is fast spreading throughout India from Trivandrum, capital of the southernmost Indian State where a large "V" sign is hung at the entrance to the State Legislature to Kapurthala State, where the "V" is painted on the cars of Ministers while motorists are displaying the "V" sign on car bonnets.

## House Cheer Announcement Of Historic Event: Army To Be Raised Forthwith

LONDON, July 31 (Reuter)—The Soviet Government has given its consent to the formation of a Polish army on Russian territory, announced Mr. Anthony Eden in the House of Commons yesterday, amid loud cheers. Mr. Eden made this remark when telling the House that a Soviet-Polish agreement had been signed at the Foreign Office.

The Foreign Secretary said that this historic event would lay a firm foundation for future Soviet-Polish collaboration in the war against a common enemy (cheers).

It would, therefore, be a valuable contribution to the common cause (cheers) and would be warmly welcomed in all friendly countries and not the least among all countries of the British Empire (loud cheers).

Mr. Eden congratulated those who had shown such wise statesmanship in coming to an agreement (cheers).

Mr. Eden stated that arrangements for the immediate resumption of Soviet-Polish diplomatic relations are being made.

He stated that after the signature he handed General Sikorski, the Polish Prime Minister, the following Note: "I desire to take the opportunity to inform you that in conformity with the provisions of the agreement of mutual assistance between the United Kingdom and Poland of August 25, 1939, the Government of the United Kingdom have entered no undertaking with Soviet Russia which affect the relations of that country and Poland. I also desire to assure you that the British Government do not recognise the territorial changes affected in Poland since 1939."

**GEN. SIKORSKI**  
General Sikorski handed Mr. Eden the following reply: "The Polish Government take note of Your Excellency's letter dated July 30, 1941, and desire to express sincere satisfaction at the statement that the British Government do not recognise any territorial changes which have been effected in Poland since August, 1939. This corresponds with the view of the Polish Government which, as they have previously informed the British Government, have never recognised any territorial changes in Poland since the outbreak of the present war."

Mr. Eden pointed out that the Soviet-Polish agreement stated that the Soviet Government recognised that the Soviet-German treaties of 1939 concerning territorial changes in Poland had lost their validity. He recalled that the attitude of the British Government was stated in general terms by the Prime Minister in the House of Commons on September 5, 1940, when he said that the British Government did not propose to recognise any territorial changes which took place during the war unless they took place with the free consent and goodwill of the parties concerned.

**FUTURE FRONTIERS**  
Mr. Eden added that this holds good for territorial changes effected in Poland since August, 1939, and he had informed the Polish Government accordingly in his official Note.

As regards the future frontiers of Poland and other European countries, Mr. Eden drew attention to what the Prime Minister said in the speech to which he referred.

Mr. Eden concluded by saying that he was sure that the House would agree that both parties were to be warmly congratulated on the signature of this agreement.

"This is a historic event. It will lay a firm foundation for future collaboration between the two countries in the war against the common enemy. It will, therefore, be a valuable contribution to the Allied cause and be warmly welcomed in all friendly countries and not least, I feel sure, by public opinion throughout the British Empire" (Loud Cheers).

Replying to supplementary questions, Mr. Eden said that the exchange of Notes which he had just read did not involve any guarantee of frontiers by the British Government.

He answered in the affirmative a question by Sir Percy Harr's (Liberal) in regard to whether both parties were satisfied with the terms of the agreement and whether it was mutual in respect of the governments of both nations.

Mr. Eden added that he thought, in view of past history, "we ought in fairness to repeat our congratulations to those who have shown such wise statesmanship in coming to this agreement."

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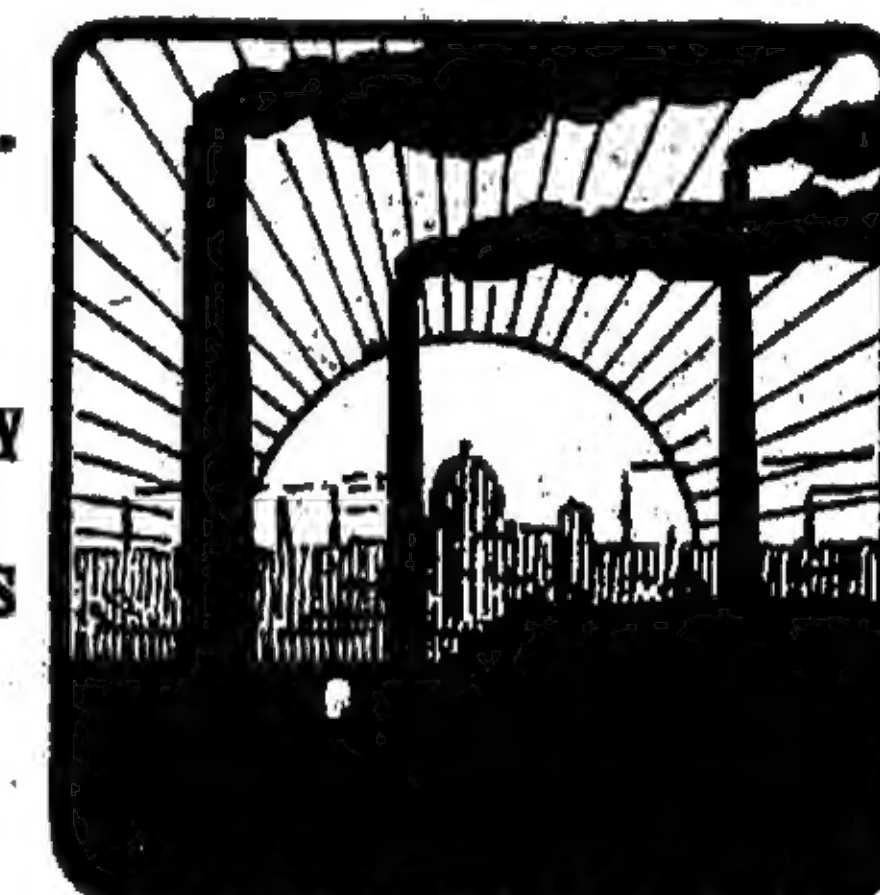
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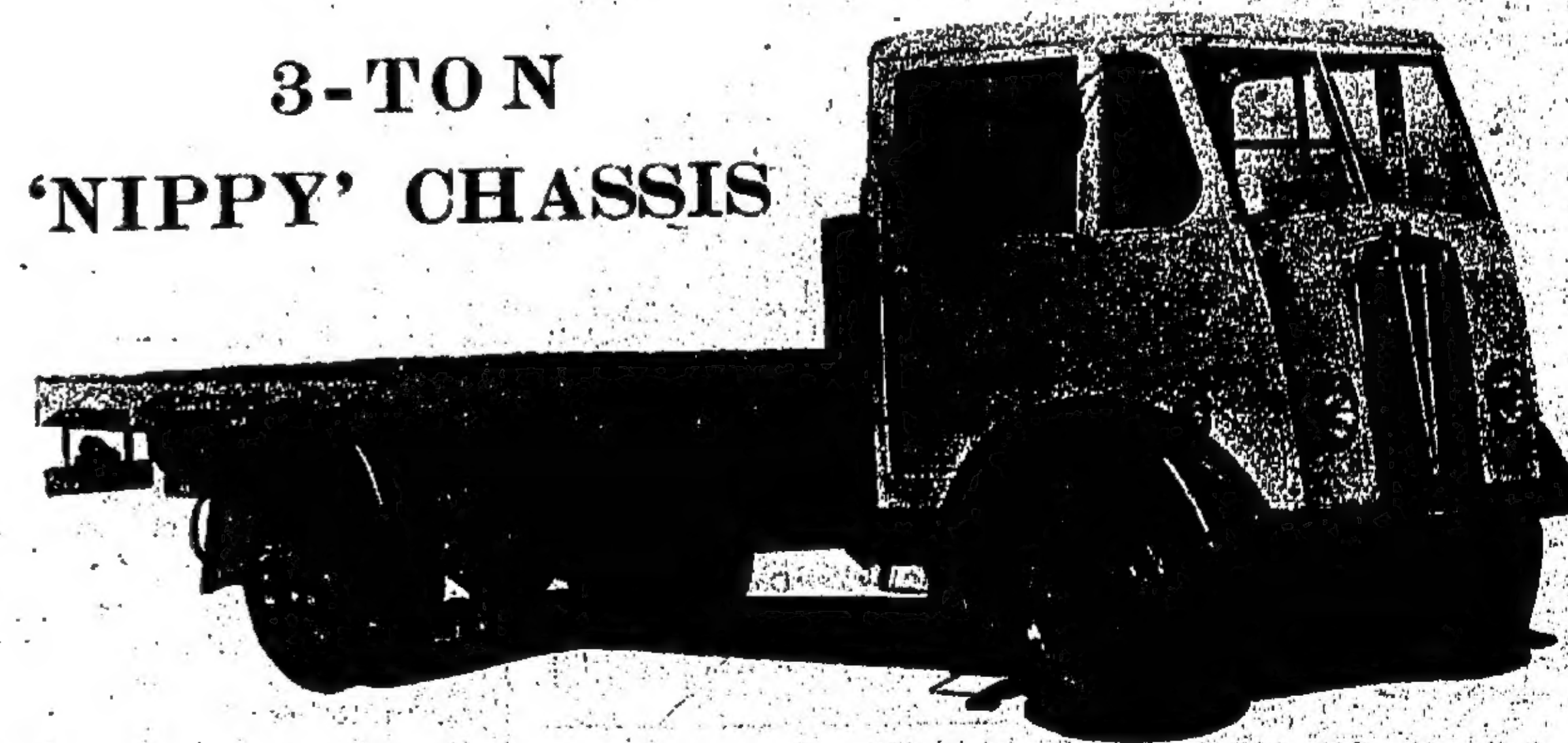
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## PRESENTATION TO MR. WONG SHIU-KI Ceremony At The Treasury: 35 Years' Service

A very pleasant ceremony took place at the Hongkong Treasury yesterday afternoon when MR. WONG SHIU-KI, head of the Book-keeping Branch, was the recipient of a Rolex wrist-watch and a fountain-pen set, and the good wishes of his colleagues, on the eve of his retirement after 35 years' service.

Mr. Wong joined the staff of the Treasury on May 11, 1906, as a fifth grade clerk when he was just under 23 years of age. On his twenty-third birthday—July 13—he was appointed a fourth grade clerk, remaining in that position until July 1, 1913, when he was promoted second grade clerk.

Eight years later, Mr. Wong was acting higher grade clerk and, on Jan. 1, 1928, was listed as a Class 1 clerk, followed by another promotion to Higher Class clerk four years later.

In his younger days Mr. Wong was an enthusiastic sportsman but, in later years he confined his activities to membership in the Chinese Civil Service Club, the Chungshan Merchants Association and the Anti-Mulsat Association although still enjoying sound health.

### MR. E. W. FUDNEY

In making the presentation, Mr. E. W. Fudney, A.C.A. Accountant General, said, in part:

On May 11, 1906, a young man of 22 joined the staff of the Treasury, then housed in a two-story building where Pedder Building now stands, as the junior of the 10 clerks who, with a Treasurer and a cashier, comprised the staff of the Department in those days.

I wonder what his thoughts were? And his ambitions. He must have been a young man with ideas for he received his first promotion after only two months and two days—on his 23rd birthday, in fact.

A career which opened so auspiciously was bound to succeed and today, 35 years later, we meet to express to that young man (for I am sure he remains young in spirit even if not in years) our sincere good wishes on the occasion of his retirement after a career which has raised him to the highest post open to him—that of head of the Book-keeping Branch of the Treasury.

### ENDEARED TO ALL

Mr. Fudney then gave a précis of Mr. Wong's service in the Treasury and how, by his willingness to help all those who turn to him for guidance and advice, he had endeared himself to all his officers and colleagues. The speaker acknowledged his own appreciation of the assistance rendered him by Mr. Wong.

Addressing Mr. Wong, Mr. Fudney said, "You will have much time on your hands. Your friends in the Treasury have conspired to place still more time on your hands—at least on your left hand—and I have great pleasure in presenting you with this wrist watch, together with a fountain pen, to mark the high esteem in which they hold you."

"May the watch mark the passing of countless happy hours and may the fountain pen sign your

### BISHOP OF S'PORE LEAVES

The Rt. Rev. J. L. Wilson, Bishop of Singapore, left for his new Diocese yesterday accompanied by Mrs. Wilson and little Bernard Martin, their one-year-old son. Bishop Wilson will be enthroned as Bishop of Singapore at St. Andrew's Cathedral on Sunday, August 4.

### REGISTRY WEDDING

At the Registry, Supreme Court, yesterday, with Mr. J. Reynolds, Deputy Registrar, officiating, Miss Lam Sau-ching, of No. 101 Queen's Road East, was married to Mr. Hung Man-fat, secretary.

### ANNOUNCEMENT

The forthcoming marriage between Mr. Horacio Luis Percy Ozorio, Government medical officer, Queen Mary Hospital, residing at No. 41 Granville Road, and Miss Frances Mary Killen, of No. 3 Albion Terrace, Kowloon Docks, was announced yesterday.

### HEALTH BULLETIN

The following is the Returns of notifiable diseases notified as having occurred in the Colony during the 24 hours ended at midnight on July 30:

Cholera, 19 cases; Diphtheria, one case; Dysentery, eight cases; Enteric Fever, one case; Measles, one case; Tuberculosis, 41 cases.

## Freezing China's Credits: Position Clarified By Chinese Bank Manager

THE POSITION IN WHICH BUSINESSMEN AND OTHERS WITH CONNEXIONS IN SHANGHAI FOUND THEMSELVES AS THE RESULT OF GOVERNMENT'S LATEST ORDER FREEZING CHINA'S CREDITS WAS CLARIFIED by the manager of one of the leading Chinese banks in the Colony in an interview with the Hongkong Daily Press yesterday.

## APPRENTICE COMMITTED FOR TRIAL

### MANSLAUGHTER ALLEGED

Tam Wah, apprentice of the Chung Wah Button Factory, No. 111, Prince Edward Road, ground floor, charged with the manslaughter of a fellow apprentice, Leung Fung-kit, in the backyard of the factory on July 10, was before Mr. D. J. N. Anderson yesterday at the Kowloon Magistracy committed for trial.

Accused and deceased were on friendly terms. Deceased was admitted as an apprentice in the factory on July 5, and four days later five apprentices were detailed to carry a consignment of bones from Tai Kok Tsui to the factory. Three or four trips were taken for the job, and on the first trip, in which deceased did not take part, accused was heard to remark, "There is one amongst us who is reputed to be able to carry over 200 catties of goods, and why isn't he here?"

### TOOK A REST

Deceased, however, took part on the second trip, and on the way back to the factory, he sat down to rest.

Accused was alleged to have said to deceased: "I heard that you could carry 200 catties of goods, but now you cannot even carry a bag of bones."

On the following day, accused and deceased were seen fighting as a result of which deceased died. Dr. H. H. Tsi, Medical Officer of the Kowloon Hospital, testified that the cause of death was due to intracranial haemorrhage.

Insp. R. Cunningham prosecuted.

According to the banker, those who have been making regular remittances to Shanghai in the past can still do so provided the amount does not exceed \$1,500, Chinese National Currency (or, approximately, H. K. \$300) per month. For amounts exceeding this limit, a licence from the Hongkong Government is absolutely essential. Asked if anyone could walk into a bank and purchase CN\$1,500, our informant replied in the negative. "This amount of exchange," he said, "would only be sold to those who are either known to the bank or who could produce satisfactory evidence of having made such remittances regularly in the past."

### NO DIFFICULTY

"For smaller amounts," went on the banker, "there will be no difficulty whatsoever."

Questioned as to whether Chinese currency exchange could still be "booked" for future delivery, the informant stated that that was now a thing of the past. "No contracts for future delivery will be signed with any firm or individual—not even an exchange broker—without production of the covering licence."

"There is nothing in the Order," concluded our informant, "to stop a firm or individual having a Chinese national currency account in a bank to issue a cheque against that account in favour of another individual or firm in the Colony."

## ALLEGED BREACH OF CONTRACTS

### INTERESTING POINT RAISED BY DEFENCE

The case in which Eugene Penn, trading as the E. Penn and Company, of Loke Yew Building, Queen's Rd. East, is claiming \$1,000 damages for alleged breach of contracts by the Wah Nam Knitting Factory, of No. 379 Kilang Street, Shamshuipo, was continued before Mr. Justice P. E. F. Cressall at the Summary Court yesterday.

The alleged breaches were in respect of seven separate contracts for 250 doz. of sports shirts, 50 doz. ladies' bloomers and 15 doz. men's cotton vests. Plaintiff claimed that defendant failed to deliver the goods as the result of which they had to be replaced by new contracts with the Sze Hing Knitting Factory.

Plaintiff was represented by Mr. Alfred S. K. Lau and defendant by Mr. M. A. da Silva.

### NEVER CANCELLED

Francisco Santos, assistant of plaintiff firm, gave evidence of the contracts with defendant firm. He said that defendant was never prompt in their deliveries and the contracts were never cancelled.

Huen Cheung, manager of the Sze Hing Knitting Factory, testified to the new contracts entered into with plaintiff firm and stated that the price was the best available at the time.

At the end of plaintiff's case, Mr. Silva submitted that his Lordship should direct a non-suit at the present stage. He said that no claim had been made by the plaintiff's customer in South Africa and the present claim for damages were only in anticipation. Mr. Silva further submitted that plaintiff had not proven his damages.

### CASE ESTABLISHED

It would not be proper, said Mr. Silva, before evidence was adduced for the defence for him to submit that there was no breach though a prima facie case had been established.

Mr. Lau submitted that whether the customer in South Africa sued the plaintiff for breach was immaterial and as to the question of damages he would leave this to the Court.

His Lordship said that the question raised by Mr. Silva was interesting and he proposed to give his reasons in writing on the point raised on Friday next.

First defendant reneved but the envelope was snatched away from his hands. When opened, only two blank sheets of paper were found within. Further hearing was fixed for this afternoon at 2.30 p.m.

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## S'hai Police Probe Huge Swindle

Detectives of Central police station, Shanghai, are continuing their search for Lee Shing-kow, Chinese exchange broker and bank shroff alleged to be concerned in a swindle perpetrated on three large Chinese exchange shops in Szechuen Road, involving approximately \$320,000, report the North China Daily News.

The masters of the exchange shops have dealt with the missing broker for the past three years during which time he had always accounted for large sums of money which passed through his hands.

### PROMISE TO RETURN

On July 14 and 15, he was alleged to have obtained \$320,000 in local currency from the establishments concerned against a deposit in U.S. dollars and the assurance that he would return later, repay the exchange shops with interest and take back his deposit. Later he is believed to have told the shop masters that he required a substantial sum in U.S. dollars, to settle an exchange transaction and after some persuasion obtained the return of his deposit without refunding the local dollars he had previously obtained. He was further alleged to have issued two personal cheques covering part of the amount.

### MATTER LAID BEFORE POLICE

He failed to show up again that day and the following day when one of his cheques fell due, it was said that his deposit in the bank against which it was drawn, was insufficient to cover the amount. On Wednesday when he still absented himself, the owners of the exchange shops decided to lay the whole matter before the police.

According to investigations made by the police the wanted man is a native of Sochow and 26 years old. He is believed to be still in Shanghai and all necessary precautions have been taken to prevent him leaving town.

### TYPHOON REPORT

A typhoon is moving towards the China Sea from the Pacific, its position at 8.10 p.m. yesterday was East of N. Vlasov, or S. E. Luzon, moving West or W.N.W.

## Clever Conspiracy Fails: Broker Charged With Theft Of Cheque For \$4,500

A JUNK OWNER EAGER TO OBTAIN THE RELEASE OF THREE OF HIS JUNKS from alleged Japanese custody in Shatow, Chinese territories, was allegedly nearly defrauded of \$4,500.

This story was revealed in the course of hearing of a case, before Mr. H. G. Sheldon, K.C., at the Central Magistracy yesterday, in which a broker, Chan Yau-sang, alias Chan Tang, 53, was charged with larceny by a trick of a cheque for the said sum issued by the Man Cheong Bank from Wong Yick-sam, junk owner, of No. 23 Connaught Road West.

Chan was additionally charged, together with Pang Tim, alias So Tim, 42, broker, and Ho So, 27, boatman, with having conspired together to steal the cheque.

Mr. Alfred Y. Hon, prosecuted, assisted by Det.-Sgt. J. Bentley, while Mr. J. M. D'Almada Remedios appeared for the defence.

### CASE LINED

Outlining the case, Mr. Hon said that complainant operated a shipping firm, the Sam Yick firm, at No. 23 Connaught Road West, running a number of junks between Hongkong and various ports in South China.

The usual time for making a round trip varied between two and three days. Sometime in June three of the junks were overdue for over 20 days and on June 30 he was informed by one of his folk about these junks.

The folk was Chan Tak-yuen, said Mr. Hon, who would give evidence that on June 30 or July 1, a person by the name of To Sing introduced third defendant to him. He was asked by third defendant whether his master, complainant, had lost three junks and whether he would be willing to redeem them as they were alleged to be in the custody of the Japanese in Shatow.

### MEETING HELD

A meeting was arranged for and held at a furniture shop in Hennessy Road on July 10. Those present were Chan, the folk, the three defendants and others.

First defendant claimed himself to be an interpreter of the Japanese Consulate-General in Hongkong and said that he could use

his influence to obtain the release of the junks.

One thing decided at the meeting was that complainant should pay \$4,500 to the defendants for tea money. They finally agreed to deposit the sum in a bank as a sign of good faith on the part of complainant.

Accordingly, complainant together with second and third defendants went to the Man Cheong Bank that same day and deposited \$4,500, the bank returning a bearer's cheque.

On July 11, second defendant requested complainant to go to the furniture shop in Hennessy Rd. the following day to show the cheque to first defendant.

### FORMALLY INTRODUCED

Complainant went as requested. There he was formally introduced for the first time to first defendant who demanded to be shown the cheque before undertaking to telegraph the Japanese authorities in Shatow for the release of the junks.

Meanwhile, Chan Tak-yuen, complainant's folk, was induced to sign a paper acknowledging receipt of the junks, which would be sealed, according to first defendant, together with the cheque in an envelope and then left in the safe keeping of complainant until such time when the junks arrived in Hongkong.

### HEARING ADJOURNED

This acknowledgment and the cheque were then seen put by first defendant into an envelope. He also suggested sealing it with wax, but then complainant became suspicious and demurred to see the contents first before doing so.

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## ORGANISATION, FUNCTIONS AND TRAINING OF BRITAIN'S HOME GUARD

A number of interesting details in connexion with the organisation and functions of Britain's Home Guard were revealed in the course of a discussion between Sir Frederick Whyte, K.C.S.I., former political adviser to the Chinese National Government, and General Henry Rowan-Robinson, C.B., C.M.G., D.S.O., which was broadcast from London on Wednesday.

In answer to a question from Sir Frederick, General Rowan-Robinson explained how the Home Guard came into being. It was formed, he said, to cope with the new methods of invasion which the Germans had practised in Holland, Belgium and France. The Home Guard was not really an organisation to meet armoured forces, but more to prevent landings by parachute troops.

### SINGLE RESISTANCE

"The idea," said Gen. Rowan-Robinson, "is to organise the whole country into a single unit of resistance. It is an entirely new idea and the members are organised and armed to meet conditions of invasion, but they would, of course, play a large part in the defence plans."

Sir Frederick: What is the Home Guard? What does it consist of? Gen. Rowan-Robinson: It is really a great body of civilians turned soldiers for the time being. It is composed of men who are either too old or too young to get into the actual fighting services, but it does not take away a single man from the army, navy or air force.

Sir Frederick: What are their functions?

Gen. Rowan-Robinson: Their chief functions are local defence. They watch and report landings by the enemy in any locality. In addition, they keep an eye on the food problems and act as guides for the regular troops passing through their districts.

Sir Frederick: If they do all this, why are they not part of the regular army?

Gen. Rowan-Robinson: They are. The army is the essential striking force, but in a big attack, the army must be able to fight in any part of the world.

### LITTLE COST

In reply to a query as to the cost

## DIVE-BOMBERS BEATEN BY R.A.F.

### COSTLY ATTACK ON BRITISH SHIPPING

CAIRO, July 31 (Reuter).—A German dive-bombing attack on British shipping off the coast of Cyrenaica, North Africa, on Tuesday was driven off by R.A.F. fighters which shot down six enemy planes, according to an R.A.F. Middle East communique.

A strong formation of Junkers 87's, escorted by Messerschmitts, made the attack. Four bombers and two fighters were brought down.

Reconnaissance has shown that Monday's raids on aerodromes in Sicily were more successful than at first thought. Both at Catania and Borsello, the number of badly damaged aircraft is greater than originally reported and the number of planes confirmed to have been destroyed during the sweep has risen to 36 with the knowledge that six, not four, fighters were destroyed at Catania.

The communique also reports the dropping of some ten tons of bombs on the quay and shipping at Benghazi during the raid on Monday night by R. A. F. heavy bombers.

Two R.A.F. planes are missing from the latest operations.

## CONSTITUTION OF CEYLON

LONDON, July 31 (Reuter).—The Under-Secretary of State for Colonies was questioned in the House of Commons yesterday regarding the position in respect to discussion for changes in the constitution of Ceylon.

It was stated that the Secretary of State is still in consultation with the Governor and that the Secretary of State was not yet in a position to say what the outcome would be or what progress would become practicable during the continuance of the war.

## FEATURE SWING BAND



Nat Allen and his Quintet, a swing band featured regularly in the BBC's Overseas short-wave service. The band had a fortunate escape when the Cafe de Paris was destroyed during a heavy air raid on London. Nat Allen and the quintet left the Cafe de Paris a few minutes before a bomb fell on the very spot on which they had been playing.

## Indo-China And The ABCD Front

HANOI, July 31 (Reuter).—In an exclusive statement to Reuter, General Decoux declared that Indo-China would continue as far as possible to maintain with HONGKONG, Singapore and other parts of the ABCD front the Far East economic relations dictated by her essential needs and geographical position.

Indo-China, Gen. Decoux stated, requires from these countries certain primary and necessary supplies which are even now obtainable in only insufficient quantities and with considerable difficulty.

### VICHY'S POLICY

Emphasising the intention of the Indo-China authorities and the population to faithfully carry out Vichy Government's policy, Gen. Decoux maintained that Indo-China would do nothing which might complicate the international situation of the Far East.

While declining to answer specific questions concerning the new Franco-Japanese accord which he maintained came only within the competence of the Home Government, Gen. Decoux declared that Indo-China would execute loyally the recent agreements concluded between France and Japan.

## "IF WAR SHOULD COME TO N.E.I..."

LONDON, July 31 (Reuter).—"Should circumstances arise owing to the geographical situation of the Netherlands East Indies, to force a fight upon us, there is no doubt whatsoever that we would, with our Allies, accept that fight," declared Queen Wilhelmina of Holland in a special broadcast to her subjects, all over the world last night.

Adding that she did not forget her peoples in the western hemisphere to whom the torch of war could bring its horrors, she knew that an appeal to their peoples, the army and the navy to bear the sacrifices would not be in vain.

## ROYAL MARINES CONGRATULATED

### Italian Attack On Valetta Harbour

LONDON, July 31 (Reuter).—The break-up of the Italian "mystery boat" attack on Valetta harbour (Malta) is the subject of a telegram of congratulations from the Chief of the British Imperial General Staff Sir John Dill, to the Commander-in-Chief of Malta, Lieut-General Sir William Dobbie.

General Dill states: "Please convey my congratulations to all ranks of the Royal Marine artillery for their great success in breaking up a determined enemy sea-borne attack on the grand harbour. The action of these gunners has excited universal admiration here in the United Kingdom. The skill and determination shown by them will act as a strong deterrent to future enemy attacks by sea."

## NEWS FROM INDIA

### ACUTE FAMINE

JUBBULPORE, July 31 (Reuter).—Sacrifices for appeasing the Rain God, "Indra," were performed by Brahmin priests of the Jubbulpore district and Northern Mahakoshal which are threatened by acute famine owing to the shortage of rains.

### HEAVY FLOODS

AHMEDABAD, July 31 (Reuter).—The recent heavy floods of the Sabramati River have resulted in a shortage of water supply in Ahmedabad City as the channel which fed the waterworks is completely silted.

Normal supply is expected to be restored within a week.

### 182 LIVES LOST

MADRAS, July 31 (Reuter).—A hundred and eighty-two lives were lost in a cyclone and floods which devastated Malabar yesterday, according to information received by the Government.

### MARKET FIRE

DELHI, July 31 (Reuter).—Considerable damage was caused by a fire in a fodder market near Pharganj, resulting in the damage of about 80 houses and fodder shops.

### 41 DROWNED

JUBBULPORE, July 31 (Reuter).—Forty-one were reported drowned when a country boat, ferrying 60 passengers across the River Nerbudda, near Ohkashwar, was dashed against a rock and split.

## DUKE OF KENT FETED

### BEGINNING FIRST PART OF TOUR

OTTAWA, July 31 (Reuter).—The Duke of Kent was the guest of honour of Mr. Mackenzie King, the Canadian Prime Minister, at a dinner given in his honour on Wednesday night.

Before leaving on Sunday for Western Canada on the first part of his tour of inspection, the Duke will visit Canadian Air Force stations at Trenton and Camp Borden, in Ontario.

There will be no public function during the Duke's visit to Canada. After Western Canada the Duke will make a tour of inspection of Eastern Canada.

## JAPAN WEAKEST LINK IN AXIS CHAIN

CHUNGKING, Aug. 1 (Reuter).—"The firm friendship and cultural understanding between Britain and China will not only ensure close co-operation between them during the present world crisis, but will also play an important role in post war reconstruction," declared DR. QUO TAI-CHI, Foreign Minister, in a speech last night before the Sino-British Cultural Association.

After expressing the gratification of the Chinese Government and people at the economic measures taken against Japan by the British Empire, Dr. Quo said he believed that "Japan is the weakest link in the Axis chain, and by closer collaboration among Britain, the United States and China in the Pacific, Japan can first be defeated as an example to the other Axis Powers, and the consequent political, strategical and moral repercussions throughout the world will be very important and salutary."

## Japanese Aggression Curbed By Limited Land & Air Power

WASHINGTON, July 31 (Reuter).—The Japanese are still heavily outnumbered by the Soviet armies in eastern Siberia and face considerable obstacles in any move southward from Indo-China, U. S. Government officials told pressmen yesterday.

Speaking on the basis of "detailed information from the Orient," they expressed the belief that Japan is forced by limited land and air power to adopt a waiting opportunist course.

Russian forces in the Far East are estimated to include some 40 divisions despite substantial withdrawals to fight the Germans in the West.

Japan is believed to have only about 14 divisions available in Manchuria and Korea.

The Japanese air force is estimated altogether at about 3,600 planes, largely out-of-date models, and the Russian Far Eastern fleet at about 2,400 prior to withdrawals to the European front.

### BOMBING OF JAPAN

Officials thought the bombing of Japanese from Vladivostok—a distance of about 750 miles—possible but difficult.

They gave 66 divisions as the limit Japan could equip, the forces fighting in China and threatening Malaya being included in this total.

It is considered that should Japan make any hostile move against the Dutch East Indies, Britain would promptly come in against her though the Indies themselves are capable of putting up a fair resistance.

## WAR HAVING SERIOUS EFFECT ON JAPAN

TOKYO, July 31 (Reuter).—"There is no doubt that this war is bringing serious effects to Japan," declared Prince Konoye, Japanese Prime Minister, addressing the 18th Plenary Session of the National Mobilisation Investigation Commission yesterday.

"Moreover, it is difficult to predict where this conflict in Europe may spread," added Prince Konoye. "In view of the rapidly changing world situation, everyone in Japan must always be prepared to meet the worst."

"The Government is doing everything within its power to mobilise the country's resources and man-power to meet any situation that may arise in the future."

Prince Konoye urged members of the Commission to study all problems in bringing about the speedy carrying out of all Government mobilisation plans.

### JAPANESE TROOPS FOR MANCHURIA

CHUNGKING, July 31 (Reuter).—Large bodies of Japanese troops are being transferred from North China to Manchuria as a "precautionary measure" against a possible emergency on the Soviet border, according to a foreign report from Tientsin.

The report states that the Japanese intended to dispatch some 400,000 men to strengthen their defence in Manchuria, but so far they have been able only to send 100,000. The transfer usually takes place in the night in order to escape public notice.

## NO REASON FOR APPREHENSION, SAYS DR. KUNG

### FOREIGN EXCHANGE AVAILABLE

CHUNGKING, Aug. 1 (Reuter).—There is no reason for apprehension in China over the freezing of Chinese funds in the United States and Britain, for foreign exchange will be made available to meet the requirement of the Chinese Government and also legitimate business needs, declares DR. H. H. KUNG, Minister of Finance, in an official statement.

He added that he has instructed the Chinese Currency Stabilisation Board that "in carrying out their duties, they must give effect to the policy of the United States and British Governments to whom the Chinese Government is pledging full co-operation."

He referred to President Roosevelt's statement, "the administration of the licensing system with respect to Chinese assets will be conducted with a view to strengthening the foreign trade exchange position of the Chinese Government."

Meanwhile, the Chinese Government spokesman declared, the Chinese Government is highly gratified at the measures adopted by the N.E.I., particularly the suspension of oil agreements with Japan.

He added: "The action taken by the N.E.I. clearly shows that all the Powers, whose possessions and interests in Southern Pacific are threatened by Japan, are now solidly united against Japanese aggression."

## 104,990 USING PUBLIC SHELTERS

LONDON, July 31 (BWS).—A census taken this month shows 104,990 people are using the public shelters and 556,000 domestic shelters compared with 470,200 in November last year and 2,140,000 while approximately 12 per cent. of the users of public shelters are children, stated Alderman Charles Key, M.P. Special London Regional Commissioner.

The position of the shelters in London at the present moment was incomparably better than was at the beginning of this year.

There was now sleeping accommodation in the London region shelters for 1,277,000 and for 3,496,000 in domestic shelters.

In the tubes where there were 23,000 bunks, a gradual decline in the number of persons using them as shelters had been noticed and the last census showed there were 26,000 people using them—the lowest since they raiding began.

### PLANS FOR CANTEENS

Mr. Key added that with a few exceptions, the local authorities had now completed plans for providing canteens in shelters holding 200 persons or more and for the installation of power points in all shelters regularly used by 50 or more persons.

There were 188 medical aid posts in large shelters and 69 serving groups of smaller shelters. Twenty-four Welfare Councils or Committees had been set up and more were being formed.

Sanction had been given for the appointment of a number of shelter welfare officers.

### KEITEL'S SON KILLED IN ACTION

LONDON, July 31 (Reuter).—The death of Lieutenant Han Georg Keitel, youngest son of Field-Marshal Keitel, Chief of the German General Staff, is announced by the German news agency.

Lt. Keitel, who served with an artillery regiment, was killed in the fighting on the eastern front.

### NO U.S. SOLDIERS IN EGYPT

LONDON, July 31 (Reuter).—It is learned here that there is no truth in the rumour that 20,000 American soldiers are already in Egypt.

The only American service personnel in Egypt are a few observers there in connexion with the considerable deliveries of equipment now taking place in the Middle East.

## Vast German Fifth Column In Iran And Afghanistan

LONDON, July 31 (Reuter).—"A vast German fifth column" is in Iran and Afghanistan, according to the Eastern correspondent of the Independent French Agency.

The correspondent says: Great Britain and Russia are at present engaged at Teheran and Kabul in combating the subterranean activities of this fifth column. Utilising these two centres as bases, German agents and saboteurs are infiltrating into the neighbouring territories on the Soviet Caucasian republics, the Republics of Turkomen and Soviet Turkestan as well as the North-West Frontier of India.

"Accidents which appear to be attributable to sabotage in industrial centres in the Caucasus have led to increased vigilance by the Soviet authorities."

### OIL WELLS

It is understood that Great Britain is specially concerned with safeguarding the oil wells of the Anglo-Persian oil Company in southern Iran. There is good reason to believe that German agents are working in close collaboration with White Russian refugees, some of whom have been furnished with German passports.

The Soviet and British Ministers have drawn the attention of the Iranian Government to the dangerous activities of the German agents who are trying to enlist the support of Iranian subjects trading in Soviet and British territories.

### UNORIGINAL PROPAGANDA

"It is noted that twice within a period of six weeks, the Afghan Government has made a point of proclaiming its determination to maintain strict neutrality. Nevertheless, certain groups of young Afghans have been won over by the ideas of the local Nazi agents who are conducting propaganda of a somewhat simple and unoriginal character. They emphasise first that the Afghans owe it to themselves to ensure the return of Afghan minorities to their country and second, that a country like Afghanistan should have a powerful air force to ensure its defence."

## SOVIET-POLISH AGREEMENT IS WELCOMED IN LONDON

LONDON, July 31 (Reuter).—It is emphasised here that the Soviet-Polish Agreement implies a general recognition of the overriding common interest and necessity in collaborating in the defeat of the Germans.

This important feature has been recognised both by the Poles and Russians.

It is pointed out that Russians and Poles are both Britain's allies and the Polish Force is an integral part of the British forces.

Without this treaty, it would be possible to visualise a situation in which an Anglo-Russian force collaborated in operation and Poles might also be engaged in the operation without being allies of the Russians.

That possibility is now definitely removed.

There is also a genuine hope that in pursuing their common interest—the defeat of Germany—much of the trouble and bitterness of the past may be washed out and a solution of problems still to be considered will become easier and be conducted in a happier atmosphere.

## PERU-ECUADOR HOSTILITIES

WASHINGTON, July 31 (Reuter).—Mr. Sumner Welles, Acting Secretary of State, announced yesterday that cessation of hostilities between Peru and Ecuador might be expected in the immediate future.

He said that indications yesterday morning gave hope of a prompt solution of the dispute.

It will be remembered that fighting has continued on the Peru-Ecuador frontier since the armistice was announced last Saturday.



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## Former S'hai Engineer Is Knighted

Sir Frank Gill, outstanding British telephone engineer and well known in communications circles throughout the United States and England, has been made Knight Commander of the Order of St. Michael and St. George, by King George VI, according to word received at the offices of the International Telephone and Telegraph Corporation in New York, writes the North China Daily News.

It will be recalled that Sir Frank was in Shanghai in 1939 as representative of the International Telephone and Telegraph Corporation and was responsible for the transfer of the former company known as the Shanghai Mutual Telephone Company, to the present Shanghai Telephone Company, Federal Inc. U.S.A. He remained for some time actively engaged in directing the conversion of Shanghai's telephone system from manual operation to the present Rotary Automatic System. Under his efficient supervision, this job was completed in the record time of twenty months, which was four months less than the time allowed under the contract.

At present he is Vice President of the International Standard Electric Corporation, in charge of telephone manufacturing operations of I. T. & T., associated companies in Great Britain. He has been associated with the telephone industry for fifty-nine years and was instrumental in either inaugurating or improving telephone service in many European countries.

Sir Frank was widely known and highly esteemed in Shanghai, and his many friends and admirers will be glad to learn that in recognition of his merits this honour has been conferred on him.

## POLICE REPORTS.

Dr. D. Laing, of No. 9 St. John's Apartment, Garden Road, has reported the loss or theft of money and jewellery to the value of \$200 from his residence.

Rev. O. Trovack, of Maryknoll Mission, Stanley, reports that \$300 in money was stolen from various quarters in the Mission compound.

## ROUND THE POLICE COURTS

AT CENTRAL

## REVOLVER CONFISCATED

A Smith and Wesson revolver with six rounds of ammunition was found lying outside No. 8 Fleming Road, Wanchai, on July 8 by Police Constable C395.

Before Mr. H. G. Sheldon, K.C., yesterday, an application was made by Det.-Sgt. J. Bentley for a confiscation order of the firearm. The application was granted.

## DEAF-MUTE REMANDED

A deaf-mute, Wong Chun-chai, 27, unemployed, was remanded for 48 hours by Mr. Sheldon yesterday when charged with possession of an instrument fit for unlawful purpose and common assault of a tram conductor, Wan Kam-po, 32, on board a tram on July 30.

Det.-Sgt. J. Bentley prosecuted.

## LARCENY BY SERVANT

A watch repairer, Yu Ngan, 33, was charged before Mr. Sheldon yesterday with larceny by servant of six watches, valued at \$18, from Mak Hing, proprietor of a watch shop at No. 41 Tai Yuen Street.

Defendant, who admitted one previous conviction, was sentenced to two months' hard labour.

Det.-Sgt. J. Bentley was for the prosecution. All the watches were pawned by defendant for \$11.99.

## ALIENS CAUTIONED

Two aliens were cautioned by Mr. G. T. Lowry yesterday for failing to report their presence in the Colony to the Registration of Persons Office within 48 hours of arrival.

Defendants were Domien Stevens, 25, seaman, of Belgium, and Roar Karlo Wigum, 23, engineer, of Norway.

Both pleaded ignorance of the regulations besides saying that they became ill on arrival here.

Sgt. Harris, of the Special Branch, prosecuted.

## PRISON FOR TAILOR

A tailor, Ho Hing, 20, was sentenced to six months' hard labour by Mr. Lowry yesterday on a charge of larceny of \$1,100 worth of clothing from the Yee On Tai Tailor Shop, of No. 228 Des Voeux Road Central.

Det.-Sgt. W. G. Morrison said that defendant had been in the employ of complainant, Chan Sup, master of the shop, for the last four years at \$9.50 a month.

## INSUFFICIENT EVIDENCE

A shop keeper, Chan Sang, 31, charged with keeping a common gaming house for playing dice on the fourth floor of the Sam Kel Yuen Restaurant, No. 244 Des Voeux Road Central, on July 15, was discharged by Mr. Lowry yesterday owing to insufficient evidence.

Six alleged gamblers were similarly discharged. Another had his bail of \$10 estreated when he failed to appear.

Mr. C. A. Sutherland, R.S., appeared for the defence.

Table money totalling \$134.18 picked up in the raid was ordered to be retained by the Police for a week awaiting claimants, after which, if there were still no claimants forthcoming, the money would be donated to the Poor Box.

## AT KOWLOON

## BATHED IN NULLAH

Four Chinese appeared before Mr. H. C. Macnamara yesterday and were fined \$2 each when they were caught by a Police constable bathing in a nullah in Waterloo Road during the night of July 30.

Sgt. J. G. Whitcroft prosecuted.

## SHOP FOKI FINED

Leung Yin, 34, shop foki, was fined \$5 by Mr. Macnamara yesterday when he was charged with spitting on the footpath in Lai-chi-kok Road on July 30.

Sgt. P. H. Loughlin, prosecuting, stated that accused was arrested by a Police Constable.

## EVADED BUS FARE

Li Tse, 17, student, of No. 35, Nam Chang Street, appeared before Mr. D. J. N. Anderson yesterday when he was charged with avoiding payment of the fare.

It was stated that accused was detected on a bus in Nathan Road without a ticket by an Inspector. He was taken to the Police Station and on alighting from the bus he broke away but was caught and arrested.

## MISSED THE BOAT

Li Keng-ko and a friend left their village in the Chinese territory in a motorboat on July 18, bound for Hongkong. When the boat called at another Chinese

## CHINESE STUDENT IN U.S. WINS AWARD

NEW YORK (Central News by Clipper): Winner of the first award of U.S. \$1,000 in the American Magazine Youth Forum Art Contest is Fred Gong, an 18-year-old Chinese student at Lincoln High School in Portland, Oregon. It is announced here.

Fred Gong's painting, chosen the best out of 57,000 contestants throughout the United States, despite the efforts of the people of the Northwest in developing the riches of their land, from the arrival of the early settlers in covered wagons less than 100 years ago to the modern mines, cities, dams and highways of today.

The Chinese youth will draw a number of posters for the United China Relief campaign before returning to his home in Oregon.

## Refugees In The Colony

An increase of 79 in the number of refugees and destitutes accommodated in Government camps, etc., in the urban and rural areas, is recorded in the returns for the week ending on July 28.

Urban Areas:—

King's Park—1,382 against 1,381 on July 19.

Mo Tau Chung—2,099 against 2,177 on July 19.

North Point—1,561 against 1,557 on July 19.

Morrison Hill—523 against 518 on July 19.

Urban Areas (Scattered Camps):—

Tai Hang—2,542 against 2,542 on July 19.

Ngau Tau Kok—838 against 761 on July 19.

Rural Areas:—

Kam Tin—2,476 against 2,040 on July 19.

Fanling Children's Camp—385 against 387 on July 19.

Total—11,806 against 11,727 on July 19.

coastal port, the friend went on shore to take a meal—and missed the boat.

Li, with his friend's luggage which also contained \$2,662 Chinese currency, proceeded to Hongkong where Li booked a room in the Sun Sun Hotel, Kowloon.

On information, Det.-Sgt. W. Wilson arrested Li at the hotel on Tuesday, with the money in his possession, and charged him, before Mr. Macnamara yesterday, with the unlawful possession of the money.

Accused was convicted and sentenced to three months' hard labour.

## THREW STONES

Tam Sang, street-sleeper, was fined \$10, or a month's hard labour, when he was convicted by Mr. Anderson yesterday on the charge of throwing stones at his 35-year-old kept woman in Peking Road early on Tuesday morning.

For breach of his bond, entered by him only a few days ago, accused was fined another \$10, or a further month's hard labour.

## WATCHMAN REMANDED

Charged with having thrown corrosive fluid on a 14-year-old boy in Kowloon City on Tuesday with intent to cause him grievous bodily harm, Chan Yan, 19, a watchman, was remanded a week when he appeared yesterday before Mr. Anderson.

## GOLD RING THEFT

Sentence of three months' hard labour was passed by Mr. Macnamara yesterday on Lai Lai Sang, 38, unemployed, charged with larceny of a gold ring from a goldsmith's shop in Paine St.

It was stated defendant pocketed the ring and ran out of the shop as the foki who was attending to him was taking out the bill of purchase for it. He was chased and arrested.

## D. O. SOUTH

## JUVENILE CHARGED

A 15-year-old Chinese boy appeared before Mr. S. F. Balfour yesterday on the charge of having inflicted grievous bodily harm on another boy, aged 14 years, by striking him with a grass cutter's knife at Tai O on July 29.

On the application of Det.-Sgt. A. F. Bell, that the complainant was still in hospital, accused was remanded to the Remand Home until 10 a.m. tomorrow.

## INDUSTRIALISATION IN FREE CHINA

CHUNGKING. (By Airmail): The following brief review of the work of industrialisation in Free China has been issued by Dr. Wong Wen-hao, Minister of Economic Affairs:

Realising the gross mistake of centralising our factories in a small number of coastal cities in the past and thus giving our enemy a chance of easily destroying or occupying them all, we have adopted a policy of decentralisation. Altogether fifteen main areas have been chosen for development instead of centralising our efforts on a few cities. In each area, it is the first task of the Government to erect new power plants so that electricity may be easily obtained for industrial use.

Wherever old power plants are already in existence, financial and technical aid is given to them for extension and improvement. As there are great potentialities for hydraulic power development in the southwestern provinces, careful surveys have been and are being made. Plans for the development of hydraulic power in four promising places have already been drawn up and are being partially carried out. Up till now the generating capacity of the electric power plants in the south-western provinces has been increased by twenty five per cent over 1937 and an additional capacity of 20,000 kilowatts will be put into operation in the near future when the installation is completed.

In order to minimise the losses due to air-raids, some of the power plants as well as many manufacturing factories have been installed in dug-outs specially designed for them. The largest dug-out which houses one cotton mill has a space of 10,343 cubic feet. All those dug-outs are deep enough so that no enemy bomb can penetrate them, and work can be carried on even during the air-raid.

Together with electricity, coal must be looked upon as an important source of power. In view of the expanding demand of railways, steamships, factories and the consuming public for fuel in the interior, the Government has been making every effort to open up new coal mines as well as to encourage the expansion and modernisation of older ones. Because of such efforts, the output of coal in the interior has increased from 3,668,000 tons in 1937 to 5,716,000 tons in 1940.

MACHINE SHOPS

As machine-making is the foundation of all other industries, special attention has been focussed on it. We have already mentioned that among the moved-in factories, machine shops occupy the first place so far as number is concerned. The Government has also set up the Central Machine Works, the biggest of its kind in Free China. It was originally established in Hubei but later on moved to and extended in Yunnan. It is now engaged in making turbo-generators, sets, boiler plant, spinning sets and gas producers besides attending to the others of the Munition Bureau and other government institutions. A plant for assembling truck will soon be added to it.

The Central Machine Works and other machine shops have in the past four years contributed a great deal toward national defence and industrialisation of the interior. During the first one or two years of war, when the government-owned munition factories were being transferred from one place to another, the main job of the machine shops was to manufacture small arms and armaments for the Government. Later on when the munition factories of the Government were put into order, the machine shops turned their energy to the production of machineries and machine tools for other factories.

Thanks to their indefatigable endeavour, many new factories, such as alcohol distillery, paper mills, spinning and weaving factories, etc., have been established. It is hoped that with a growing capacity to produce the means of production, we shall be able to construct more and more factories in the future.

In order to supply raw materials to the machine shops and munition factories, iron and steel works must be erected. There have been established in Szechwan fifteen new small blast furnaces which are mainly responsible for the recent increase of pig iron production. Some other units of relatively larger scale are still under construction. A sponge iron plant is also being erected in Szechwan. In connection with it, there will be set up one open hearth furnace and several Bessemer converters.

As the equipments of Han-Yeh-Ping Company could not be put into a working order in a short period, a 20-ton blast furnace was first set up and completed.

Another 100-ton blast furnace is being installed and is expected to be ready for use in less than a year. The building for the steel works, including several Martin

furnaces is also in progress. Now already in operation in Szechwan province are four electrical furnaces each producing 3-5 tons of steel a day. In Yunnan province, there are under construction one blast furnace of 50-ton capacity and some steel plants.

## ELECTRICAL EQUIPMENT

Among the heavy industries, one word may be said about the electrical equipment factories. To meet the needs of the army and the Ministry of Communications, several electrical factories have been established by the Government. The largest of them is the Central Electrical Manufacturing Works. This factory consists of four plants, each specialising in a particular branch of manufacture. Their products include copper and iron wires, vacuum and gas filled lamp bulbs, radio receiving and transmitting tubes, military and ordinary telephone sets, exchange switchboards, motors, generators, transformers, motor starters, switch gears and battery and dry cells.

Although heavy industries are important for the conduct of war, light industries are also necessary for satisfying the daily needs of the people. In order to counteract the enemy's attempt to economically blockade us, efforts have been made to make the interior as independent as possible in daily necessities. Two examples may be cited for illustration. Before the war, there was no modern plant of spinning and weaving in the interior. During the last few years, more than 200,000 spindles have, however, been moved from the war zones to the interior. And about 120,000 spindles have already been in operation, producing 70,000 bales of yarns per year. The rest will be installed before the end of this year.

It is estimated that no less than 100,000 bales of yarns may be produced in 1941. Comparing with 30,000 bales in 1938, it is a three-fold increase. As we still command a large cotton-producing area in Free China, the supply of raw materials for spinning is not a serious problem. Recently, a plan has been made to mobilise 500,000 women in Szechwan to take spinning and weaving as their avocation, so as to augment the total supply of cloth. Another interesting case is the development of flour industry.

Before the war, Szechwan had only three mills and Shensi five, making a total of eight. At present Szechwan has eight mills, Shensi has six, and Yunnan, Kwangsi and Kweichow have one each, making a total of seventeen. Three more flour mills, including one of considerable size producing 3,000 bags per day, are under construction. The total output of flour has increased from 1,710,000 bags in 1938 to 3,140,000 bags in 1940.

During the last few years, besides the machineries and equipments removed from the war zones, at least 20,000 tons of new machines and machine tools have been imported from foreign countries. (Central News)

Due to seasonal rains, Kwangsi is enjoying a good harvest this year. The crop of corn is particularly abundant. The fear of a food shortage for the border districts is now completely dispelled.

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## ABILITY OF AMERICAN AVIATION TO MOVE TO FRONT RANK OF MILITARY DEVELOPMENT

The world's largest flying boat bomber, naval companion to the gargantuan Army B-19 recently completed by Boeing, is nearing completion at the Martin factory in Baltimore, Md. We saw it, writes Joseph C. Harsch in the "Christian Science Monitor," and we can say that it looks like an impressive answer to any sceptics—German included—about the ability of American aviation to move in the front rank of military development.

The first of a new line of Martin medium bombers, the 187 built according to British specifications, made its first test flight June 14. Martin will be in production on this model this month.

## MEDIUM BOMBERS

Meanwhile it is turning out its B-28 medium bomber in rapidly increasing quantity for the United States Army. It took the Newport News Shipbuilding & Drydock Company exactly eleven days to convert the former luxury passenger liner America into the battle gray Army transport West Point ready to carry 5,000 troops to any point in the American defence system.

The same company is producing what looks like the real answer to Allied Merchant tonnage losses—escort aircraft carriers which carry fifteen planes and which presumably can, with these planes, fight off German bomber and submarine attacks. They are converted merchant ships. The first, the Long Island, is already at sea having been converted in 90 days. We saw the second, the Moore-macdonald, in the process of conversion. It will be followed by five more.

## DEFENCE PROGRESS

It all adds up with what we saw on previous days of the trip to an impression of defence progress far beyond what any of us expected to see when we took off from New York oppressed both by what we had seen in Europe during the past two years and by stories of red tape, labour strife, and inefficiency with which the atmosphere of both Washington and New York is rife.

It is obvious that anyone looking for unsolved problems, for bottlenecks, for strife, for criticism, can find it. There is plenty of trouble. There is some already obsolescent equipment. There are a lot of

## MANY PROBLEMS

There are problems ahead—very serious ones. Every plant we visited has some shortage to complain about. No one would admit that he is behind schedule. He always pushed it back on someone else down the line. The final assembly plant blames it on the sub-contractor or the fabricator of metal. He blames it on the supplier of rough metal. He blames it on the supplier of the raw product. And he blames it—in one case—on the weather. But these shortages are being surmounted every day. No one is seriously worried now about machine-tool shortages.

The Priorities Board is getting the raw material situation into order. It means cutting out the civilian. But if Washington will be ruthless in denying unnecessary things to the civilian there will be enough for national defence. The thing is moving, and the whole picture is awesome in the sheer power of America to arm itself which it expresses.

## NAVAL ESTABLISHMENT

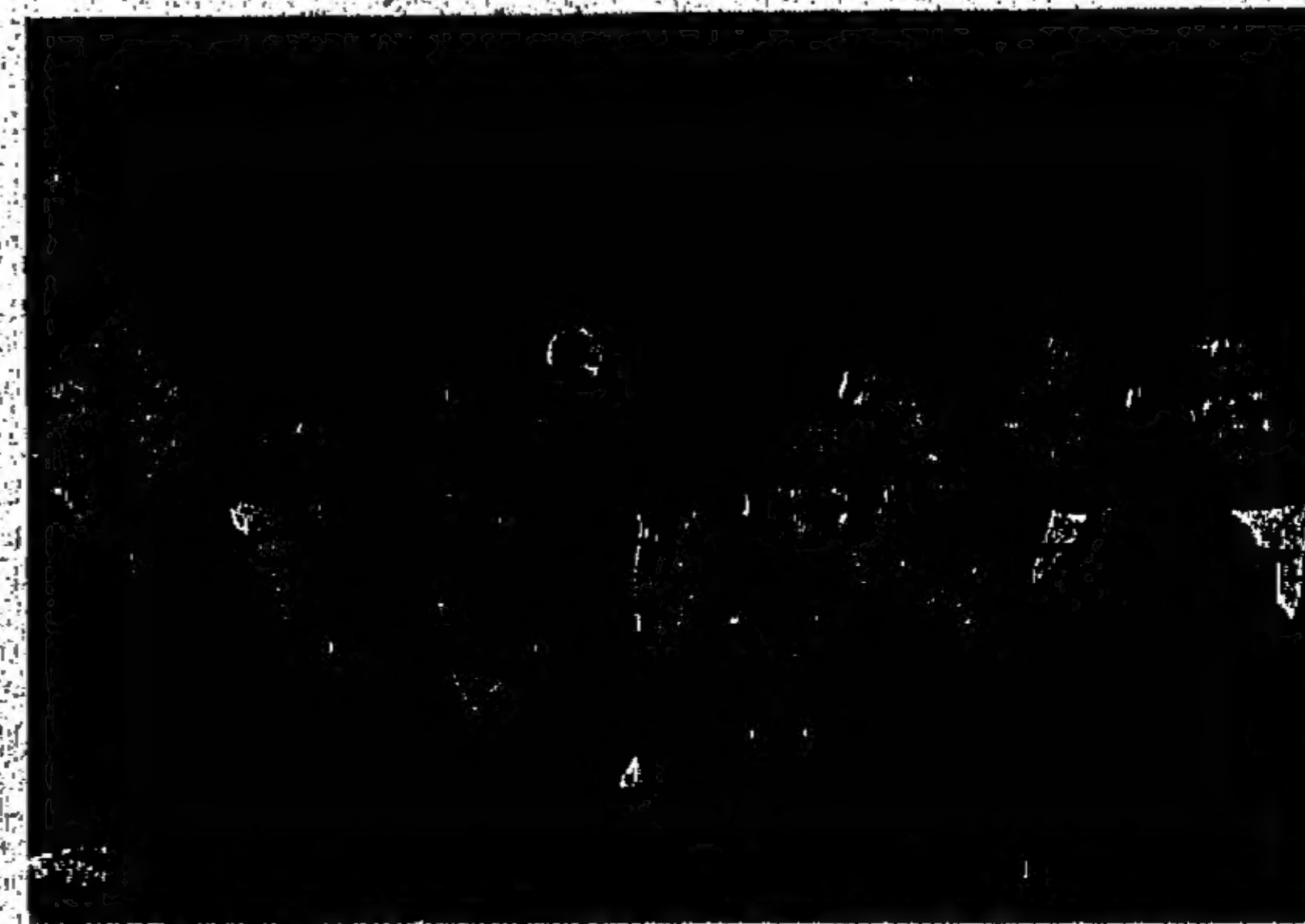
The most spectacular single thing we saw during this entire trip was the vast naval establishment at Norfolk, Newport News, and Hampton roads, Va. There war seems closer than any place we visited. And there progress is most obvious and impressive because it is measured in naval might.

In the harbour, when we were there on June 14, were two new American aircraft carriers trim in dark grey war paint. Near them were two SLOC destroyers, and the fighting tops of a battleship showing above a supply dock. We were told that none of these ships were in the day before. They come and go. On the streets people talk casually about "the Labrador patrol." This is the operating base of a fleet in action.

## A.R.P. IN INDIA

CALCUTTA, July 31 (Reuter). The first industrial course to train personnel to organise A.R.P. schemes for factories and large commercial undertakings will commence in August in the Raj A.R.P. school in Calcutta.

## ENJOYING A JOKE



Brits Bennett, popular comedian of the British Music Hall, surrounded by South African sailors after a BBC short-wave broadcast from London to the Empire.



## JAPAN BAITING THAILAND TO JOIN NEW ORDER WITH OFFER OF CAMBODIA, LAOS

BANGKOK, July 31 (Reuter).—While authoritative circles deny that Japan has offered Cambodia and Laos as quid pro quo if Thailand will join the "New Order," well-informed observers believe that it is only a question of time before Japan sounds Thailand on proposals of some sort.

They think that it is quite probable that Japan will shortly offer the world-famous Angkorwat and Laos in Indo-China in the belief that Thailand will be very glad to have the former for sentimental reasons and the latter on internal political grounds.

### JAP. SHIPPING PRECAUTIONS

#### No Vessels Calling At N.E.I. Ports

BATAVIA, July 31 (Reuter).—No Japanese ships arrived at Netherlands East Indies ports during the past few days although several belonging to the Nanyo Kaifu Kaisha, the only Japanese shipping company with sailings to the Netherlands East Indies, were expected.

The Batavia representatives have not received any communications from Tokyo and they do not know why the ships are delayed.

The Osaka Shigen Kaisha, with sailings to Singapore, suddenly cancelled its advertised contracts with the Netherlands East Indies papers and periodicals.

A ship of the Nanyo Kaifu Kaisha arrived on Tuesday at Semarang. One Japanese ship was due at Palembang. Two other Japanese ships were en route to Surabaya but yesterday morning Batavia agents were still without news.

#### AWAITING INSTRUCTIONS

From these shipping movements it appears that the Japanese vessels have, in fact, changed their destinations. It is presumed that they will remain for some days outside territorial waters awaiting instructions.

The passenger liner Haruna Maru due yesterday morning at Tandjong Priok in order to get the last members of the Japanese Trade Mission has not arrived.

### IAP. MERCHANTS LOSE PRIVILEGES

TOKYO, July 31 (Reuter).—Following up the notification of the suspension of the most favoured nation clause with Japan on July 27, New Zealand has abolished the special privileges for Japanese merchants entering the country, according to a message received by the Foreign Office says the Japanese news agency.

It disclosed that Japanese merchants entering New Zealand will hereafter be required to make applications like ordinary immigrants according to the new ruling.

## CHUNGKING SUBJECTED TO THE LONGEST RAIDS OF THE WAR

CHUNGKING, July 31 (Central).—Chungking experienced the longest air raids on Monday and Tuesday when over 180 Japanese planes subjected the wartime capital to eight and a half hours' alert respectively.

Monday's raid began at 7.45 a.m. and the "all clear" was not given until 3.45 p.m. Tuesday's alarm was sounded at 7 a.m. and the "all clear" given at 4.30 p.m. Meanwhile, Tzefutsing, Luohow and other Szechwan towns were also raided.

Five waves of over 90 Japanese planes carried out the Monday's raid during which Chinese fighters intercepted one batch of the raiders over Pishan west of Chungking and in a running battle lasting over half an hour shot down two Japanese machines which crashed in flames in the north-western outskirts of Pishan. Szechwan was invaded by four lots of over 90 planes on Tuesday when one group again attacked Tzefutsing while the rest bombed the suburbs of Chungking unloading several hundred bombs which destroyed many shops and residences and caused over 20 casualties.

#### EMBASSIES DAMAGED

The Soviet Embassy was partially wrecked while the British Embassy slightly damaged by the Tuesday's bombing.

The National Relief Commission is distributing \$30,000 among the victims in Tzefutsing while Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek has allotted \$10,000 for Chengtu.

Meanwhile, public bodies in Chungking are making preparations to celebrate the Chinese Air Force Day on August 14 when Chinese planes first took up the challenge of Japanese aircraft four years ago.

## CHINESE CREDITS IN INDIA ARE BLOCKED

BOMBAY, July 31 (Reuter).—The Reserve Bank of India has issued instructions to all banks that the accounts of all persons and firms resident in China, including Shanghai, or accounts of all firms and companies incorporated in that country or under the control of residents in these territories and operating in India shall be blocked.

Banks have been informed that they may honour obligations under confirmed credits opened on or before July 30, 1941 on behalf of residents in those territories and that they may also accept bills or pay cheques drawn by such persons provided they are presented by residents in India who became holders for the value on or before July 30, 1941.

#### EXEMPTIONS

The following accounts are exempted from the order but funds therein are released for payment within the sterling area only: Central Bank of China, Bank of China, Bank of Communications, the Farmers' Bank of China, the National Government of the Republic of China or any agency of it.

In addition, for the time being exemption also applies to accounts in India of Chinese branches of authorised dealers in foreign exchange.

Private remittances to China are no longer permitted and remittances for commercial purposes must be credited in rupees or sterling to any exempted account or to the blocked rupee account of a resident of China. Private accounts of Chinese residents in India are not restricted.

## Fight For Diamond Industry

WASHINGTON.—A sharp struggle for control of the European diamond industry is going on between Britain and Germany as a result of the strong demands now being made for boys rough and polished stones.

Industrial diamonds are increasingly in demand for armament manufacturing purposes, and polished stones are enjoying a strong market for American dollars, partly as a result of the desire of many Americans for investment in diamonds, according to recent information published by the Department of Commerce here.

Germany, according to the Department's information, is making an effort to reorganise the cutting and polishing industry which formerly had its centre at Antwerp and Amsterdam.

Although the bulk of diamond stocks from these centres were transferred abroad when Germany invaded the Low Countries last year, considerable stocks which were sent to France have since come into Germany's possession.

#### GERMANY'S PLANS

Germany has formulated plans to recapture control of the industry, which was largely disrupted by war, and to return its centre to Antwerp and Amsterdam, with subsidiary centres within the Reich proper. Germany is also attempting to force owners of raw materials to deliver them for processing to establishments located exclusively within German-controlled territory. At the same time, the Reich has instigated measures to prevent the migration of skilled diamond workers to other countries outside the German occupation orbit.

Many of these workers have already crossed the Channel and are carrying on their industry in London, which, according to the Department of Commerce statistics, is still apparently the world's chief trading market.

The international diamond selling organisation is at present operating in London and recently sales of Brazilian stones were resumed after an interruption of several months.

London diamond merchants have recently formed a local exchange which will facilitate trading in that city.

The chief obstacle to expansion of the industry in Britain is the limited number of skilled diamond workers in the country. It is estimated that there are only 150 polishers in England, compared with Antwerp's total of 30,000 before the invasion.

## JAPAN PREPARED TO HALT EXPANSION IF INDO-CHINA FAIT ACCOMPLI RECOGNISED

VICHY, July 31 (Reuter).—Japan is willing to call a halt to expansion if the democracies recognise the "fait accompli" in French Indo-China. If, on the other hand, "encirclement" in the Pacific continues—in other words, if economic sanctions are aggravated by an embargo on oil—Japan will have to consider taking measures to prevent herself being strangled.

That is how the Tokyo correspondent of a Vichy news agency—quoting "well-informed Japanese quarters"—summed up the attitude of the Japanese government.

The correspondent "does not despair of finding a basis for a modus vivendi with the United States when the psychological effect of the credit blockade subsides."

#### TOKYO PREPARED

TOKYO, July 31 (Reuter).—"Our Government is fully prepared to measure up to any situation that is developing or likely to develop in connexion with the Anglo-American combination in the Far East."

This statement, made by Mr. Takenosuke Miyamoto, Deputy President of the Planning Board, is emphasised in a leading article in the semi-official newspaper Japan Times yesterday.

Everything that had happened by way of economic war was anticipated, declared Mr. Miyamoto. Japan had planned its economy for the latter half of this year without counting on supplies from Britain or the U. S.

#### MATERIAL SUPPLIES

The programme for material supplies based on the degree of self-supply achieved or to be achieved by the combination of Japan, "Manchukuo" and China, "together with what supplements may be obtained from some countries in the south."

Although Japan was fully prepared to meet the situation there was no doubt of its gravity and the urgency of developing Japan's fighting power on an emergency basis.

## Rise In Motor Car Prices: Some Control Expected

What the automobile price structure is to be is the question now puzzling leaders of the industry. The request by Leon Henderson, Federal price control administrator, that increases of from \$10 to \$53 announced by a number of manufacturers on 1941 models be immediately withdrawn has served to make more difficult a problem which already was worrying the industry. It has immediate and future bearing, writes Bernard J. Wemhoff to the New York "Times."

That price raises are justified, in view of rising costs and curtailed output, is not denied, but there is the government's price control setup to be reckoned with.

There is growing feeling in Detroit that soon or late the Office of Price Administration and Civilian Supply will put into effect some sort of control over car prices.

#### USED CARS

Used car prices and allowances likewise are coming in for their share of attention from the OPACS, especially since this phase of the industry will exert strong influence over Uncle Sam's defence workers and their transportation during this critical period.

The recent, \$10-to-\$53 price increases put into effect by Chrysler, Ford, Plymouth, Studebaker, Nash, Dodge and DeSoto, were here considered moderate. In view of rapidly rising material costs and in view of the recent 10-cents-an-hour wage raises granted by these companies, it is agreed that the basis for any price boosts will be considerably broadened starting August 1, when the industry goes on its 20 per cent. curtailed production schedule, thereby advancing unit costs.

On top of this will be superimposed another \$25 to \$50 per unit, due to the forced substitution of non-defence materials and the extra machining necessary to fit these metals into the places formerly occupied by aluminium, nickel and zinc. In line with the industry's saving of more than 500,000,000 lb. of strategic metals, it is interesting to note the specific savings at least one manufacturer has effected.

#### DEFENCE METALS

Whereas this big-volume maker used about a half pound of magnesium in its 1940 models, the amount has been decreased to .006 pounds by using secondary aluminium. Over two pounds of nickel was employed in the 1940 model; now less than a third of a pound is used. Aluminium, which formerly accounted for over four pounds per car, now constitutes only three pounds, all secondary metal not on the priority list.

A total of 35 pounds of zinc formerly was used on each model of this particular company, whereas now only 23 pounds are needed, the saving being made mostly in the decorative parts of the car. Tungsten and neoprene have been drastically reduced and further savings are anticipated as the industry is forced to use other substances as critical materials grow scarcer.

#### MAKING HAY

Meanwhile, the industry is "making hay while the sun shines" and June production schedules called for a record output of close to 555,000 cars and trucks, with a continuance of the same pace of about 130,000 units weekly through most of July. Retail sales also continue unabated as buyers enter the market before still higher prices are clamped on, and before the anticipated heavy excise tax is levied by Congress. Field stocks

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## TREMENDOUS GROWTH OF INDIAN INDUSTRY

Ex-President of the Indian Legislative Assembly and Diwan of Cochin State until last month, Sir Shanmukham Chetty, K.C.I.E., arrived in Singapore, by air from Calcutta on his way to New York as chairman of the Indian Purchasing Commission in the United States for the duration of the war.

Sir Shanmukham said that the Commission will purchase in the United States, war planes and all manner of war material, and machinery for India's war effort.

So far these duties had been performed by the British Purchasing Mission but India's needs had increased to such a great extent during the last few months that the Government of India found it necessary to have an independent mission of its own in the United States.

Sir Shanmukham will have two technical advisers in New York and he will be assisted by the Indian Trade Commissioner to the United States, Mr. H. S. Malik, I.C.S. One of the technical advisers is already in the United States. The Indian Purchasing Mission will work in close co-

operation with the British Purchasing Mission.

**FINE EFFORT**

"India's war effort is magnificent," said Sir Shanmukham. "In the Madras Presidency alone, one crore and 20 lakhs of rupees have been raised."

Sir Shanmukham said that India was now prepared for any emergency, and that she was alive to the danger of attack, particularly after the German onslaught against Soviet Russia.

Sir Shanmukham declined to comment on the political situation in India.

Speaking of the growth of Indian industry since the outbreak of the war, Sir Shanmukham said that tremendous strides had been made, and very soon India would be building her own ships with the completion of the docks at Vizagapatnam.

Sir Shanmukham has represented India on a number of occasions at overseas conferences. He represented Indian employers at the International Labour Conference at Geneva in 1918, 1929 and 1932. He was one of the Government of India delegates at the Imperial Economic Conference at Ottawa in 1932. In 1936 he visited Australia as the Indian delegate on the Empire Parliamentary Delegation. (Malaya Tribune).

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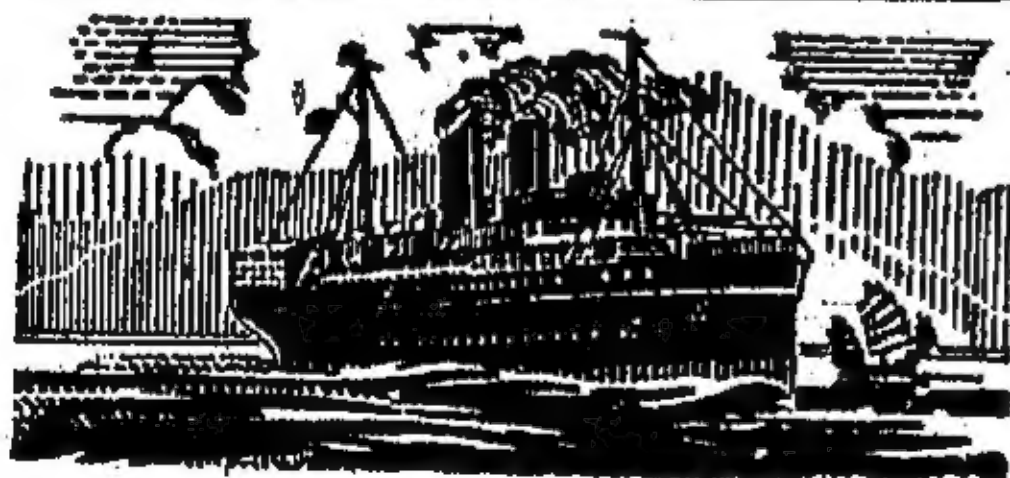
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## PROPOSED CHANGES IN CURRENCY CONTROL

The following Hongkong Government Gazette Extraordinary was published yesterday:—

In connexion with proposed changes in currency control, it is notified under the Defence (Finance) Regulations, 1940, that the following banks are those at present authorised by the Governor to deal in foreign currency and that all other authorisations previously made are cancelled:—

### RAUB AUSTRALIAN GOLD MINING CO., LTD.

Report for four weeks ended July 19, 1941. Period 574.

#### DEVELOPMENT

Development footage for the period amounted to 591 feet.

#### RAUB HOLE SECTION

110 Feet development. The majority of the footage again consisted of rising, that above Nos. 2 and 5 levels being payable.

#### ANDERSON SECTION

65 Feet development. This consisted of driving and crosscutting only. The majority of that above No. 4 level was payable.

#### BUKIT KOMAN SECTION

192 Feet development. More than half the footage was again above Nos. 5 and 6 levels. All the work on No. 5 level was payable.

#### DERICK SECTION

156 Feet development. Two thirds of this was to enable filling of stopes to be undertaken. Winzling, commenced below No. 3 level, and driving on No. 6 level, were payable.

#### MALACCA SECTION

68 feet development. Exploratory work from the surface to the north of Malacca Shaft was continued satisfactorily, and the results from the majority of the work above Nos. 2½ and 3 levels was satisfactory.

#### MINING

A total of 6,715 tons was mined and treated. Tonnage was slightly lower than last period. Grade improved at Bukit Koman and Malacca, was maintained at Raub Hole and Derrick and was slightly lower at Anderson. Raub Hole 3,116 tons; Anderson 580 tons; Bukit Koman 948 tons; Derrick 1,432 tons; and Malacca 639 tons.

#### ORE TREATMENT PLANT

Battery: Ore crushed 6,715 tons, Residue to Retreatment 6,819 tons, Residue to Storage 86 tons.

Retreatment Plant: Tailings Treated—Current Tailings 6,819 tons, Bukit Koman Dump Tailings 2,825 tons, Raub Hole Dump Tailings 1,113 tons. Total: 10,557 tons.

#### GOLD SHIPMENT

Battery: 1066.36 Bullion Oz., 999.93 Fine Au Oz.  
 Retreatment: 715.95 Bullion Oz., 605.11 Fine Au Oz.  
 Total: 1782.31 Bullion Oz., 1605.04 Fine Au Oz.

#### GENERAL

Though tonnage is slightly lower than last period, operations were normal and the improved grade has been maintained.

Brickling of the new underground Survey Office continues satisfactorily, and some further work was done on adits for use as Air Raid Shelters.

## BRITISH, AMERICAN FIRMS GUARDED

CHUNGKING, July 31 (Reuter)—Quoting information from reliable sources, a Shanghai dispatch states that the Japanese have stationed gendarmes around British and American firms in Tsin-tao.

However, as regards the report that gendarmes are also posted around Anglo-American firms in Chefoo, Mukden and Dalren, no confirmation is as yet available.

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In exercise of the powers conferred by the Emergency Powers (Defence) Acts, 1939 and 1940, as applied to this Colony by the Emergency Powers (Colonial Defence) Order in Council, 1939, and the Emergency Powers (Colonial Defence) (Amendment) Order in Council, 1940, His Excellency the Governor further amends the Defence (Finance) Regulations, 1940, published as Government Notification 328 in the Gazette of March 21, 1940, as amended by Government Notification 893 of July 26, 1941, as follows:—

#### AMENDMENTS

1. Regulation 2 (i) is amended by the repeal of the proviso at the end thereof.

2. Regulation 4 (i) is amended by the substitution of the word "person" for the words "British subject" in the second line of paragraph (a) and the first line of Paragraph (b) thereof.

3. The following new regulation is inserted immediately after regulation 4:—

4A. The Governor, or a person acting on his behalf, may impose such restrictions on the making of payments and the doing of any other acts by bankers in the course of their business as appear to the Governor to be necessary or expedient in connection with special, blocked and registered accounts and other matters ancillary to the inclusion of this Colony in the sterling area.

4. Regulation 5 (1) is amended—

(a) by the substitution of the word "person" for the words "British subject" in the first line; and

(b) by the insertion of the words "unless the Governor otherwise directs" immediately after the word "shall" in the fourth line thereof.

5. Regulation 5 (3) is amended by the substitution of the word "person" for the words "British subject" in the first line thereof.

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## H.K. IMPORTERS AFFECTED

Importers and exporters of the Colony are much affected by the new restrictions on the exportation of peanut oil, potatoes, ginger and some other commodities from North China by the Japanese, according to a report in the Chinese evening Press.

It further says that a consignment of 8,000 bags of yellow peas and 12,000 eggs destined for Hongkong from North China, via Shanghai, are being held up there in view of the new restriction.

It is also reported that the Japanese authorities in Shanghai have lifted the ban on the exportation of textiles to other countries.

## PEANUT OIL PRICE INCREASE

According to the Chinese vernacular papers, the price of peanut oil has been further increased by \$2 per picul. The retail price is now 38 cents per catty.

The reason for the increase is said to be due to the Japanese restriction on imports from North China of peanut oil and eight other kinds of commodities, but the real cause has not been officially ascertained.

## Naval Engagement In The Baltic

MOSCOW, July 31 (Reuter)—Four Soviet torpedo-boats scattered an enemy convoy escorted by destroyers and torpedo-boats in the Baltic and sank a barge laden with tanks and infantry, reports the official Tass agency last night.

One Soviet vessel was damaged in the engagement but the others formed a smoke screen round her, beat off the enemy and escorted her to her base.

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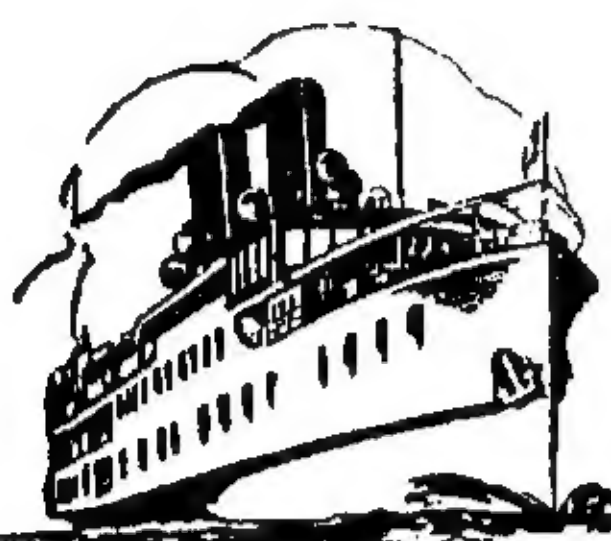
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## Syria-Lebanon Relations

### Congress To Discuss Possible Solutions

DAMASCUS, July 31 (Reuter).—Establishment of the new regime in Syria and Lebanon following the departure of the Vichy authorities has raised a number of political problems.

Various solutions have been suggested in political circles here.

The relationship between Syria and Lebanon and between these two territories and their Arab neighbours also had to be settled.

It is thought that a congress of politicians from Syria and Lebanon will be held to discuss possible solutions and their conclusion will be laid before the Allied authorities.

Meanwhile, the policy of the Allies in Syria was defined by General de Gaulle in a speech to a large gathering of Syrians in Damascus.

The time had come, he said, to discuss conditions for the sovereignty and independence of Syria and to settle the terms for a sincere alliance.

### STRATEGIC REASONS

General de Gaulle spoke of the links between the real Syria and the real France and said the Allies entered the country for strategic reasons to prevent the establishment of a regime that was a form of modern slavery.

Recalling the British Government's statement repudiating all political aims in Syria, he declared the simultaneous action by the Free French and British would strengthen the independence of Syria and Lebanon from the Tigris to the Mediterranean.

He added that the war against the Axis was going in favour of the Allies and signs of total victory were already appearing on the horizon.

### LOSSES IN CHUKI

Life and property losses caused by the Japanese invasion of Chuki in Chekiang last May have been ascertained, following a thorough investigation by the Chuki magistracy.

According to statistics released, 4,979 households were reduced to a destitute state. Altogether 941 civilians were killed, 413 wounded, and 147 missing. Houses demolished numbered 9,603 and 397 oxen and cows were either seized or slaughtered. The total property damage is estimated at \$20,250,000 (Chinese currency).

The principal counties, including Tsaoai, Paitow, Anhwa, Wangkin-

## SUDDEN, SECRET EVACUATIONS OF NORWEGIANS

### EVEN QUISLINGS PROTEST

LONDON, July 31 (Reuter).—The sudden and secret evacuations of Norwegians from the western districts of Norway, have created no much alarm and confusion that even the quislings are beginning to protest, states the Norwegian Telegraph Agency.

The quisling "country leader" for Bergen and the surrounding district of Hordaland, in a letter to the Chief of Staff of the quisling party, explained the difficult conditions in which he has to work.

Two thousand people have already been expelled from Ulvik on Hardanger Fjord, says this quisling leader, and the whole parish at Graval in Lake-egag has been evacuated.

### RISE TO RUMOURS

He expects further evacuations but is unable to give any information about the reasons. "The evacuations," he states, "have given rise to rumours.

There is no need for me to describe the reactions of Norwegians who were taken away from the soil which had been their family birthright for generations."

The Norwegian Telegraph Agency adds: "This ruthless expulsion of Norwegians from their homes is the result of the German policy of clearing large areas in western coastal districts to make way for aerodromes and other military establishments."

## WATER-POLO RESULTS

Three European Y. M. C. A. Invitation water-polo tournament matches were played in the Army pool yesterday evening and resulted as follows:—

5th A. A. 7 (Lear 3, Giblin 2, Molyneux 2) v. Royal Scots "B" 2 (Davidson, Morris); Royal Scots "A" 7 (Eyrne 2, Morris 2, Millar, Slater, Hunter) v. 985 R. A. 1 (Pidgeon); Combined Small Units 8 (Macdonald 3, Thorley 2, Lyall, Gracey) v. 8th R. A. 4 (McNulty 2, Colthorpe, Chan Haung).

### ARMY SMALL UNITS

In the Army Small Units knockout water-polo tournament yesterday, in the Army pool, Middlesex "A" Coy. 9 (Birdsey 3, Burdge 2, Davis 4, Ure) beat 12th R. A. (nil).

tsing, and Wangshan lie in complete ruins.—(Central News)

## British News In China

### Commons & Enforced Closure Of Reuter's

LONDON, July 31 (Reuter).—In the House of Commons yesterday, Sir John Wardlaw-Milne asked Mr. Anthony Eden whether he was aware that the enforced closing down, at the instance of the Japanese authorities, of the only British news agencies in Hankow, namely Reuter's and Central China Post will have the result that large areas of Central China will in future depend for news on Axis sources alone.

In reply, Mr. Eden said that he appreciated the point raised by Sir John and a report had been called for which had not yet been received.

Sir John: "Will Mr. Eden consider carefully whether there are any measures we can take to prevent this stoppage of publication of British news in China?"

Mr. Eden: "I entirely agree. That is why I have asked for this report to see what steps we can take."

### M.O.I. TACKLED

Mr. Brendan Bracken, the new Minister of Information, was tackled on the question of expediting the release of spot news and topical pictures to the United States and British Dominions.

He was asked to take into consideration the fact that the eminent American journalist, Dorothy Thompson, said that more news was wanted in America.

He declared that he would do everything in his power to give the maximum amount of news and photographs to the United States and the British Dominions and indeed to any part of the world that would like to have British news.

## NEWS BROADCAST FOR OVERSEAS CHINESE

With a view to keeping Chinese residents abroad informed of current events in the world in general and in China in particular, a weekly news broadcast over the Central Broadcasting Station (9,720 kilocycles) and International Broadcasting Station (2,900 kilocycles) is made under the sponsorship of the Ministry of Overseas Affairs.

The broadcast made in Mandarin and preceded by American and British military music, takes place every Thursday from 7:45 to 8:30 p.m. Chungking time.—(Central News)

## Lawn Bowls Rinks

The following are some Club selections for tomorrow's Lawn Bowls League programme:—

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KOWLOON F.C.:—G. Frost, B. Williams, C. Dowman, J. T. Smalley (skip); G. Cross, C. Woodcock, A. MacIntyre, R. M. Ogden (skip); B. Thomson, Y. Abbas, C. H. Fuller, T. Ferguson (skip).

Reserves:—J. Gibson, W. Thomson.

### HONG KONG TIDE TABLE

From 1 to 7 Aug. 1941.

Day of Week	Day of Month	HIGH WATER		LOW WATER	
		Hong Kong Standard Time	Height	Hong Kong Standard Time	Height
Fri.	1	h. m.	ft. in.	h. m.	ft. in.
		03 37	5 7	10 18	2 6
Sat.	2	04 11	4 4	11 18	3 0
		04 30	0 1	11 47	2 3
Sun.	3	05 05	4 2	12 34	2 3
		05 35	0 5	12 57	1 6
Mon.	4	06 20	0 8	—	—
		06 50	4 4	13 51	1 8
Tues.	5	07 25	7 3	00 51	0 3
		07 55	4 5	14 37	0 9
Wed.	6	08 16	7 4	01 37	0 3
		08 46	4 8	15 14	0 3
Thu.	7	09 08	7 4	02 19	0 3
		09 37	4 7	15 55	0 3

SOLUTION TOMORROW

## FOREIGN MAILS

HONGKONG, FRIDAY, 1st AUGUST, 1941.

### GENERAL HOLIDAY

On Monday, 4th August, the General Post Office and Kowloon Central Post Office will be open from 8 a.m. to Noon, Sheungwan Branch Post Office will be open from 8 a.m. to 10.00 a.m. and the other Branch Post Offices will be entirely closed.

There will be one collection from the pillar boxes as on Sundays, and one delivery of registered and ordinary correspondence at 11.30 a.m.

There will also be one delivery of ordinary correspondence at 11 a.m. from the Branch Post Offices at Stanley, Taiipo and Un Long.

The Money Order Office will be entirely closed.

Air Mail Service by British Overseas Airways Corporation to East & South Africa, United Kingdom and beyond has now been resumed. Correspondence for despatch by Air via Rangoon must be superscribed by "C.N.A.C."

The public are reminded that it is a breach of postal regulations to enclose in a postal cover communications intended for persons other than the addressee.

The Printed Matter Service to the following places in China is temporarily suspended:—

Yunnan  
Szechuen  
Kweichow  
Hunan  
Fukien (except Amoy and Kulansu)  
Kwangsi  
North and East of Kwangtung.

Small Packet Post to all countries is suspended.

### INWARD AIR MAILS

From	Due
Air Mail by "Pan American Airways Direct Service"—San Francisco date, 5th August.	12th Aug.
Air Mail by "Pan American Airways Direct Service"—San Francisco date, 19th August.	26th Aug.

### OUTWARD AIR MAILS

For	Date and Time
<b>MONDAY</b>	Mon. 4th Aug. K.P.O. Reg. 11.30 AM Ord. Noon
Air Mail by Air to Rangoon to connect with the "British Overseas Airways."	Reg. 11.30 AM Ord. Noon
<b>TUESDAY</b>	Tue. 12th Aug. K.P.O. Reg. 5.00 PM Ord. 5.30 PM
Air Mail for Manila, Guam, Honolulu, U.S.A. and Europe via "Pan-American Airways and Trans-Atlantic Services"	Reg. 5.00 PM Ord. 7.00 PM
<b>TUESDAY</b>	Tue. 26th Aug. K.P.O. Reg. 5.00 PM Ord. 5.30 PM
Air Mail for Manila, Guam, Honolulu, U.S.A. and Europe via "Pan-American Airways and Trans-Atlantic Services"	Reg. 5.00 PM Ord. 7.00 PM

## NEW SENIOR SECRETARY TO EXECUTIVE YUAN

The Executive Yuan has approved the appointment of Mr. Hsieh Keng-min as Senior Secretary of the Yuan and that of Mr. Liu Hsiang-sheng as Director of the Food Control Bureau of Szechwan.

Messrs. Peng Hsun-wu and Kan Chi-pi were appointed Deputy Directors of the Bureau.

The resignation of Mr. Liu Yung-kai from his post as Secretary of the Executive Yuan was accepted.

The meeting also approved the following regulations: Revised Regulations for Opium Suppression says this: "The new weapon has in Recovered Areas; Regulations displayed excellent qualities in Governing the Organization of war conditions. When M. Stalin Food Control Bureau, and Regulations Governing the Organization highly praised the new weapon of Engineering Office of Air Raid but gave him new tasks and Shelters of Chungking Municipality."

Complying with a recommendation by the National Relief Commission, the Executive Yuan decided to petition the National Government to issue a mandate of years and recently evolved and commendation in honour of Mr. put into practice 12 original designs.

Commission and a veteran scholar from Anhwei who was killed during a Japanese air raid on Chung-

## SECRET SOVIET WEAPON

### New Invention Tested Under War Conditions

MOSCOW, July 31 (Reuter).—The existence of a Soviet secret weapon was revealed yesterday with the announcement that M. Stalin had received its inventor, M. Kostikov, and had expressed high praise of the new weapon.

The weapon has taken M. Kostikov and a group of engineers working under him three years to develop, says Pravda, announcing the success of the research.

Without giving details Pravda regulations: Revised Regulations for Opium Suppression says this: "The new weapon has in Recovered Areas; Regulations displayed excellent qualities in Governing the Organization of war conditions. When M. Stalin Food Control Bureau, and Regulations Governing the Organization highly praised the new weapon of Engineering Office of Air Raid but gave him new tasks and Shelters of Chungking Municipality."

M. Kostikov, who has been given the title "Hero of Soviet Labour," has specialised in new types of armaments for the past eight years and recently evolved and commendation in honour of Mr. put into practice 12 original designs.

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